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BCIC - VISION & MISSION



VISION

“To be the preferred Chamber in Karnataka to facilitate business growth and add value to its stakeholders”

MISSION

- Act as a bridge between government and industry and shape governmental policies to support “Ease of doing business”
- Be a “single point of contact” for government to grasp issues and recommendations from industries and other stakeholders
- Become a Catalyst for growth and competitiveness through sharing best practices and knowhow within the member community

FOREWORD BY PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues,

At the outset, I express my sincere thanks to all the COVID-19 warriors who have worked hard out in these challenging times to save lives and help infected people convalesce and return to their normal lives. to the families who have lost their near and dear ones in this ravaging situation. My prayers to them.

As I begin to pen my last New Synergy Foreword during this Presidential year, my thoughts goes back to where we started, how we navigated through the times and what to look forward in the years to come. My thanks go to each and every Management Committee member who have stood behind us like a rock, guided and supported us in this arduous

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journey. I am quite happy with the teamwork and the way things have shaped.

History tells us that this has been the most difficult and challenging year of our times with Covid-19 Wave 1 and 2 paralysing the entire world, unprecedented in our own country with never before seen or anticipated challenges in our healthcare infrastructure and public discipline.

We, in our endeavour as a responsible industry body, abundantly blessed with richness in the experience and wisdom of our industry We decided to focus on the future of our country and our youth based on the realization that our members can grow only with the growth of our state. BCIC, hence, joined hands with the State Government on the theme "Namma Karnataka - The gateway to Future India." To action out this theme, new Expert Committees were formed such as Start to Sustenance, MSME council, International Business, Young BCIC and Industry 4.0. The leaders and members of these committees have demonstrated remarkable passion in their endeavours to raise the Chamber's visibility.

The belief in total inclusive management made us induct several thought leaders of distinction to mentor teams at BCIC. The Past Presidents and Mentors have been a real asset for the Chamber in guiding and taking forward our valued philosophy.

With the onset of Covid-19 1st wave, much of our energies got sapped in supporting the industries that were struggling, especially the MSMEs. Nevertheless, our vigour was boosted with the spirited drive of Team BCIC, which made an enormous difference motivating us amidst the pandemic. The Chamber, being the gateway in raising the voice of the members, seamlessly worked with the authorities in the Govt., both Central and State, in getting timely support and attention in all the important issues. The big connect enjoyed by us with the Governments helped us make several representations and resolve many thorny issues coming in the way of promoting investments and generating new employment opportunities into the

State. The Chamber had the privilege to host national leaders of high eminence of the stature of Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman, H'ble Union Finance Minister, Shri. Piyush Goyal. H'ble Union Minister for Industry and Commerce, Shri. Nitin Gadkari, H'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSME alongwith leaders and senior bureaucrats from our State. In addition, Dr. K Kasthurirangan, ex ISRO Chief and Shri. Vijayaraghavan, Principal scientific Advisor to GOI also addressed our members and shared their knowledge and experience. A number of other luminaries also addressed the members during the year.

Some of our initiatives such as Emerging Stars Award, successful launch of Yuva Chakra, MSME Newsletter and New Synergy had generated good review and responses from our members.

The pandemic did not deter the indomitable spirits of our member companies and they rose to the occasion, by contributing generously in kind to the tune of Rs. 140 lakhs on measures to thwart the spread of Covid-19 and its prevention as part of their CSR.

Our team work of being positive and seizing opportunities saw us move to our owned office at MG Road. The office is set for many good things to follow. The potential of the Chamber is not only confined to the regional boundaries, but has shown signs of national prominence and will soon propel to be a global one collaborating by partners and global trade bodies.

The special attention to develop systems and processes, train people through several training initiatives will support the Chamber in the future. Our Secretariat readily took up the challenge of smoothly migrating to the New Normal by presenting numerous virtual events in pursuit of spreading knowledge to our members. On this occasion, I have to specially thank Toyota Tsusho India's management in making available Mr. A Murali, Vice President to us.

Our membership base got enlarged with new additions and the membership fee collections were accelerated by having

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regular periodical reviews. With joint efforts, coupled with judicious spend, we did reasonable cash savings during the year. Not to mention our member Corporates' continued support through sponsorships which made us sail and stay afloat and weather the storm.

The news and print media have been carrying regular reports on the Chamber's activities.

Looking forward, the opening of the nodal offices at Mysore and Dharwad will further reinforce our belief in being a helpful partner, friend and guide to all industries in the State of Karnataka. These offices are planned for opening on July 15th with the blessings and good wishes of Honourable Minister of Large and Medium Industries Shri. Jagadish Shettar and His Holiness Rajarshi Dr. D Veerendra Heggade, Dharmadhikari Shree Kshethra Dharmasthala and Chairman of SDM Institute of Management Development.

The ensuing opening of an office in Tokyo, Japan will usher in several growth opportunities for many of our members in exchanging business practices, people to people connect and cultural exchanges This will be a significant step in our endeavour to

promote overseas investments into Namma Karnataka.

The Chamber's reach to the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Prime Minister's Office laid the path to forge a collaboration with Bangalore Knowledge Cluster, an institution recognised by Govt. of India and run by Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. This collaboration will support us in working on several projects of mutual interest in the areas of research, science and technology, renewable energy, e-mobility and many emerging and futuristic technologies. I sincerely hope that we all stand to gain from it.

The recent launch of e-Certificate of Origin initiative will help our member companies and exporters at large by getting the documents digitally executed.

The process of digitisation of records and automation of the Chamber's processes under the guidance and leadership of Mr. Harish HV, Past President is expected to bear long term benefits.

It is nostalgic being in this wistful memory. I wish to place on record my sincere thanks and appreciation from the bottom of my heart for the good work of all the Past Presidents, Special Invitees, Steering Committee members,

Finance Committee members, Chairs, Co-chairs, Mentors, Expert Committee members and to the entire Team BCIC in these strenuous times. With over 163 webinars and events done this year and close Government connect, the momentum is only set to go more intense in the future under the able leadership and safe hands of Mr. K R Sekar and Dr. L Ravindran. My best wishes to both of them and the future leaders of the Chamber. The saying goes 'Where there is hope, there is life'.

God bless BCIC in all its future endeavours to strive for a greater purpose!

Thanks one and all. Please stay safe and healthy.

Jai Hind. Jai Karnataka.

Best Wishes and Regards

T R Parasuraman
President, BCIC



The first quarter of financial year 2021-22 saw India take its fight against COVID-19 to the next level with the announcement of free vaccines for all above 18 years of age from June 21. The quarter also witnessed the hardships of lockdown and the insurmountable stress people underwent with the sudden spurt of 2nd Wave.

With focus on vaccination and its availability, 75 per cent will be procured by the Centre and the remaining 25 per cent will continue to be available for private hospitals.

To take the momentum head on, on June 21, approximately 8,270,000 doses were administered across the country—India's largest single-day total to date. Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka had the highest local totals.

India surpassed over 300 million vaccine doses administered in total on June 23. India overtook the United States in total vaccine doses administered on June 28.

Meanwhile, Ahmedabad-based pharmaceutical firm has requested emergency use approval for its ZyCoV-D

three-dose Covid shot that is the world's first Plasmid DNA vaccine. It also says the vaccine is safe for children between 12 and 18 years and is in the second phase of trials.

The quarter also saw the Centre propose amendments to the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020 and seek public comments on banning fraudulent flash sales and mis-selling of goods and services on e-commerce platforms, and also on making registration of these entities mandatory with DPIIT.

Ban on misleading users by manipulating search results, and appointment of chief compliance officer and resident grievance officer are some of the other amendments that have been proposed.

In economy-related news, India's retail inflation raced to 6.3% in May, breaching the upper limit of the central bank's inflation target for the first time in six months, and bringing further pressure on an economy whipped by the second wave of COVID-19 infections.

Wholesale price inflation also galloped to a fresh 11-year-high of 12.94% in May,

having breached double digits in April on the back of rising global commodity prices.

In a boost to COVID-hit sectors, Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman few days back announced a fresh set of measures for the tourism sector and small businesses, apart from steps to boost health infrastructure, both in the private and public sector.

The Chamber will soon see the passing of the baton from Mr. T R Parasuraman to Mr. K R Sekar in the coming days. The preparations for the Annual General Meeting has set in and hopefully the announcement of the date will be made soon. The Chamber crossed a significant milestone of hosting more than 150 events in this Presidential year, being aired free to all our esteemed members.

Please staysafe and healthy.

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Sr. Vice President

Dr. L Ravindran
Vice President

A Murali
Advisor



DOWN MEMORY LANE



Mr. R Srinivasan
President, BCIC, 1987-88

As the Executive Director of Widia (India) Limited I got involved with the Greater Mysore Chamber of Commerce in the late seventies, soon after it was formed by the founder President, the great Mr. M.A. Srinivasan. For those of you who don't know, Mr. M. A. Srinivasan was a Minister in the Princely State of Mysore and also a Dewan of Gwalior and he thought it was necessary to have an exclusive body to represent the interests of Industries- This was the genesis of the Chamber.

I also had the great fortune to interact and work with other stalwarts in industry and Business of that time like Maj. Gen. D.C. Mishra, Mr. A. S. Lakshmanan, Mr. Subba Rao and others.

In the early days of the Chamber many meetings were held in the office of Mr. Lakshmanan as it was situated centrally and the warmth and camaraderie I experienced helped me, an inexperienced executive, to get easily associated with the diverse activities, many of them dealing with Industrial and economic policies of the state. It took many years and whole hearted support of the members to raise funds to buy its own office space.

I distinctly recall the sudden total disruption, when a 100% power cut was imposed on the Industry without any notice! Mr. Lakshmanan with a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the power domain, spearheaded the various discussions with the government. The Chamber played a very useful role in shaping the approach to deal with the power shortage in the state which has been plaguing the industry for many years since then.

I can never forget the innovative solution the Chamber came up with under Mr. Lakshmanan's leadership to deal with the perennial power problem for which there was no easy solution. I am proud

even today, to have been part of the Committee which boldly proposed to the Government of Karnataka to impose an additional surcharge on power consumed to create a Fund to finance the 120 MW Power Station in Yelahanka- a pioneering project on the lines of a Public Private Partnership. Imagine making the meager power given to Industry even costlier! It was Mr. Lakshmanan's conviction, clarity and communication which got the Industry to rally behind this initiative. Unfortunately there were quite a few procedural delays and eventually when the power plant came up it provided great relief to industries in Bangalore.

I was elevated to the position of the President in 1987-88 and had the opportunity to serve the Industry. I received full support from all the Past Presidents and senior members to discharge my duties. The secretariat led by Mr. Viswanathan did very good work to liaison with the Government, and progressively spread the activities to cover a whole range of issues. Serving the membership and holding programmes to suit their needs, the Membership of this body has grown and today BCIC stands tall and is recognized as a powerful voice of the Industry in the state.

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➤ Session on Exploring opportunities for Indian Start-ups/ SMEs in the State of Pennsylvania on March 9, 2021

Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC, in his welcome address highlighted the strategic, defence and economic partnership between India and the US before specifically talking about the presence of Indian companies in various sectors in the State of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Krishnashree Achuthan, Dean, PG Programs, Amrita TBI said that Indian start-up ecosystem is the second largest in the world with over 20,000 start-ups and Y-O-Y growth of 10-12%. She said 1,400 new start-ups commence operations in India on a yearly basis. Factors that make India attractive for start-ups include ease of doing business,

proximity to customers and vendors and the size of the domestic market. India also has a large number of graduates working either in start-ups or corporate institutions and this is growing on a yearly basis. India is also the second largest consumer Internet market globally with 462 million users. There are close to 120 start-up incubators in India. Various initiatives have been taken by India's Central government over last 5 years to help and encourage start-ups, she said.

Mr. David Briel, Deputy Secretary for International Business Development, Department of Community and Economic Development, Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania and Mr. Aron Starosta, Vice President – Commercialization and New Ventures, Science Center in their presentation highlighted Pennsylvania's economic status, Import and Export; key sectors viz., Agribusiness; Manufacturing; Life Sciences and Technology Startups in particular. Pennsylvania is ready to offer "Concierge Services" to companies looking to invest in the State. These "Services" will include making introductions, helping with connections, and customized financial assistance. Pennsylvania also has a wide international network that can help companies expand their global reach, they said.

➤ Sharing of experience - Operation Black Tornado (26/11 Mumbai attacks) by Brig. Sunil Sheoran on March 10, 2021

It is vital and crucial for corporates to take care of and secure their data and digital content as well as help the government in securing electricity infrastructure because data terrorism and other forms of "invisible" terrorism are a genuine threat, according to Brig. Sunil Sheoran, SM Commandant, Parachute Regiment Training Centre, Bangalore. He also emphasized that good training plays an important role in the corporate world too.

Brig. Sheoran addressed a webinar as part of Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce's Leadership Forum and also shared his experience of National Security Guards' (NSG) Operation Black Tornado during the 26/11 attacks.

Talking about the 26/11 attacks, Brig. Sheoran said the terrorists came to create mayhem and kill people. Taking hostages was not their intention initially, he said, and added that the unprecedented scale of the attack exposed the lack of adequate security machinery in the country. Brig. Sheoran pointed out that while the

security machinery in the country has improved since 26/11, they will have to be ready to deal with cyber-attacks among other modern forms of terror attacks.

Brig. Sheoran, who was Col. Sheoran at the time of the 26/11 attacks, led the elite team of NSG 51 SAG commandos, in a 60-hour battle against the terrorists. Under



Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC honouring Brig. Sunil Sheoran, SM Commandant, Parachute Regiment Training Centre, Bangalore

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his leadership, the team took back the landmark locations of Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Oberoi-Trident Hotel and Nariman House that were under attack and rescued hundreds of hostages. However, the team lost two of their own men, including Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan, who was martyred in action at Taj Mahal Palace Hotel.

Drawing alignments between the armed forces and the corporate world, Brig. Sheoran said it is important for individuals across the society to be self-

disciplined, and added that it is important for commerce, industry, government as well as diplomacy to be a well-oiled machine and work together for the country's overall progress. He also praised today's youth and said they are quite aware of the value system as well as the latest developments around them.

Earlier in his welcome address, TR Parasuraman, President, BCIC, said that he had heard Brig. Sheoran recently speak at another seminar and was

moved by his speech. Mr. Parasuraman said he decided at that time to invite Brig. Sheoran to address BCIC members, and added that he is glad the decorated army officer accepted the invitation. Mr. Parasuraman said India would never forget the 26/11 attacks, and added BCIC pays homage to the innocent civilians who lost their lives as well as to the brave security officers who were martyred in the line of duty during the attacks.

Webinar on SC Ruling on Software Royalty on March 12, 2021

The Government in 2012 took the controversial step of amending the law retrospectively thus trying to set at naught various rulings in favour of the taxpayer that has been one of the most hotly debated tax issues in India. In the last several years, there have been a series of decisions on the issue, both in favour of and against taxpayers, by various Tribunals and High Courts.

Taxability of software in India has been one of the most heavily debated and controversial matters other than transfer pricing. While many Tribunals, Courts and AAR rulings had come in favour of the assessee, the Karnataka

High Court alone had a different view setting aside precedents followed in other states and even international jurisprudence and OECD commentaries on the matter.

The controversy that lasted for more than 2 decades was put to rest comprehensively by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on March 2, 2021. In its 226-page judgment, the Supreme Court elaborately discussed all facets of the issue and ruled comprehensively in favour of the taxpayer.

Given this background, the BCIC under the aegis of Direct Taxes Expert Committee organized the Webinar on

analyzing the Supreme Court decision in detail, and discuss the impact of this judgement on various other aspects.

The session was addressed by Mr. N Venkataraman, Additional Solicitor General of India and Mr. S Ganesh, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, the eminent and leading Senior Advocate from Supreme Court of India deliberating on the recent landmarks decisions of the apex court.

BCIC Joint Meeting on SANKALP (Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) initiatives with Automotive Skill Development Council and GIZ (BCIC as Associate Partner) on March 17, 2021

Members Present:

Mr. Arindam Lahiri, CEO, Automotive Skill Development Council (ASDC)

Mr. Shashidhar, SANKALP – State Skill Mission

Mr. Prithvi KK, Deputy Secretary General, BCIC

Mr. Jayarama T, Technical Advisor GIZ IGVET, Indo-German Programme for Vocational Education and Training (IGVET)

Points discussed:

1. TOT model under Sankalp for Karnataka – Upscaling of Trainers from ITI and Training partners across Karnataka
2. Duration may be 6 weeks - on split basis (2 weeks + one week in each consecutive months)
3. BCIC to support for OJT with its member companies
4. State Sankalp is also open to have a look at Aurangabad (?)model in details (GIZ Bangalore to organise the same) along with the CNC curriculum
5. Identification of Training Facility

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➤➤ AGNii Mission - Role of innovations in promoting MSME competitiveness on March 18, 2021

The BCIC under the aegis of its MSME Council has undertaken various initiatives to support MSMEs and BCIC – AGNii Mission collaboration is one of the major engagements in this endeavor towards supporting MSME ecosystem partnership.

AGNii – Accelerating Growth of New India's Innovations – is a programme of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, and a Mission under the Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC). AGNii is executed at Invest India, India's National Investment Promotion Agency. AGNii seeks to capture science, technology and

innovation value through: (a) economic value – revenue and equity from science and technology base; (b) social value – upgrading institutional capacity for human development capabilities.

At the above session, Ms. Anubha Singh, Assistant Manager, AGNii Mission presented the model of engagement and past successes. Key takeaways comprised:

- Awareness about the Indian innovation ecosystem
- AGNii model of engagement
- Applications of innovations of MSMEs
- Value proposition offered by AGNii Mission for MSMEs

- Progress made in various sectors and use case analysis

- Case studies
- Future pathways for engagements

Ms. Singh further covered on engagement with MSMEs – facilitating R&D focused training sessions at the MSME training institutes to provide mentorship/guidance for product development; curated technology positioning workshops; facilitate stakeholders connects and access to public R&D labs; technology scouting and open innovation programs and joint knowledge sharing.

➤➤ Webinar on Public Private Partnership (PPP) in integrated Agriculture/Horticulture development - Paving the way for healthy growth and development on March 18, 2021

Mr. Ankur Bhaumik, Chairman, Agro & Food Processing Expert Committee, BCIC in his address said that the above webinar was organized to provide

- (a) Vital information to the key stakeholders of the Agriculture/Horticulture value chain including the agro-processing and food processing sector on potential and prospects for

Public Private Partnership in Agriculture Development/Horticulture Development (PPPIAD and PPPIHD) projects to benefit all stakeholders across the value chain and

- (b) Learnings from the projects – Case studies

The session was addressed by galaxy of speakers from Government, Industry

and Food Producers Organizations (FPO) on sector wise perspectives including current projects, future programmes, opportunities, challenges, innovation, lessons learnt and benefits to the major stakeholders of the agriculture industry/horticulture value/supply chain.

PPPIHD

Government perspective on PPPIHD project	Mrs. Kshama Patil Deputy Director of Horticulture, PMU (FPO) Government of Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPPIHD support from Govt. • No. of projects and value of projects • Specific information on the project with M/s. MTR • Expectations of the Government • Problem areas and Learnings • Way forward with PPPIHD project
Industry Perspective	Mr. Vikrant Save Head- Purchase (Supply Chain) MTR Foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptualization and genesis of the project • Expectations of the industry partner • Current status and progress of the project • Major activities in the project, problem areas, learnings, innovation
FPO perspective	Mr. Shivakumar, CEO, Vivekananda FPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectations of the FPO & Farmer • What has been the experience of farmers & FPO • Are the PPPIHD project beneficial to the farming community/ FPO

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PPPIAD

Government perspective on PPPIAD project	Mr. Manohar Gowda Joint Director of Agriculture Dept. of Agriculture Government of Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPPIAD support from Govt. • No. of projects and value of projects • Specific information on the project with M/s. Roquette • Expectations of the Government • Problem areas and Learnings • Way forward with PPPIAD project
Role of IFHD (NGO)	Ms. Aruna Rangachar Chairperson – Advisory Committee, India Foundation for Humanistic Development (IFHD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis of the project • Components of the project • Activities undertaken by IFHD in the project • Problem areas, Learnings, Innovations
Industry Perspective	Mr. Ravikumar Head of Policy and Public Affairs – India Roquette India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptualization and genesis of the project • Expectations of the industry partner • Current status and progress of the project • Major activities in the project, problem areas, learnings, innovation

Mr. R Prakash, Member, Agro & Food Processing Expert Committee, BCIC and Technical Director, Centre for Holistic Agriculture & Green Enterprise (CHANGE) moderated the session.

Mr. Narasimha Nakshathri, Co-Chairman, Agro & Food Processing Expert Committee, BCIC summed up the session and proposed vote of thanks.

BCIC Interactive Session with Mr. Manjunath, Joint Director, CDC, Department of Technical Education, Govt. of Karnataka on Way-Forward in making Diploma / Polytechnics students INDUSTRY-READY on March 18, 2021

Mr. Manjunath R, Joint Director CDC, Department of Technical Education, Government of Karnataka Task Force addressed the members over a brainstorming session towards working on the upliftment of all Diploma Engineering Programs (Mechanical, Civil, Electronics, Electrical, Computer

Science & Automobile) with the objectives to

- Ensure that graduates who pass out from Polytechnics across Karnataka are industry-ready, and
- Ensure that the programs adhere to the aspirations of the National Education Policy 2020

Representatives from Industry and, Educational Institutions participated in the session which was an initiative of the YoungBCIC Expert Committee.

Awareness session on various schemes of the Government for MSMEs on March 19, 2021

Dr. Balamurugan A, Member, MSME Council, BCIC and Director, Growth Hacking Partners, made an exhaustive presentation on the ways of approach of various schemes of the Government initiated to motivate MSMEs in their business in improving their competitiveness.

Dr. Balamurugan, a QCI certified ZED consultant working closely with MSME – DI in his presentation covered on the following initiatives:

- Make in India initiatives;
- ZED assessment and rating (Zero "Bad" effect and Zero Defect auditing).

After ZED assessment, manufacturing MSMEs can: reduce waste; increase productivity; be more efficient; develop new IPR; expand market;

- Credit linked capital subsidy for Technological upgradation scheme (CLCS-TUS): 15% upfront subsidy for

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- every technological upgradation/state-of-art upgradation of up to Rs. 1 crore investment; subsidy not applicable if used machinery or for machines of same technology.
- ISO 9000/14000 Certification cost reimbursement: To the extent of 75% of expenditure, subject to a maximum of Rs. 75,000 in each case.
- Lean manufacturing competitiveness for MSMEs – formation of mini cluster with ideally 10 MSMEs (minimum 6 units); individual units can go it alone too; 80% subsidy from Govt and 20% to be paid by either Cluster or by individual organization.
- Design clinic for design expertise with MSME – Scheme is for increasing competitiveness of MSMEs through adoption of new design and better products.
- Technology and quality upgradation support to MSMEs (EET – energy sufficient technology): Funding support of up to 75% for awareness programmes; subject to maximum of Rs. 75,000 per programme; Implementation of energy efficient technologies in MSME units, 75% of actual expenditure for cluster level energy audit.
- Building awareness in IPR.
- Supporting innovators through incubators: 75% to 85% of project cost (Idea), Rs 15 lakh per Idea; Financial assistance up to Rs 66.5 lakh to Business Incubator for purchasing plant and machinery to strengthen R&D capabilities; financial assistance up to Rs. 1 crore as SEED Capital Support for deserving ideas for startups (@ Rs. 20 lakh per start up).
- Micro Small Enterprises Cluster Development Program (MSE-CDP).
- Public Procurement Policy for MSMEs: Every Central Ministry/ Department/ PSU – annual target of 25% (it was initially 20%) procurement from MSMEs; 358 items reserved for exclusive procurement from MSMEs
- Various marketing assistance schemes including organisation of exhibitions abroad and organising buyer-seller meets and marketing promotion activities.
- GeM concept that has various advantages for sellers.
- Credit Guarantee Trust for MSMEs: Collateral free loan up to 100 lakh on payment of a guarantee fee by MSMEs; 75% of the loan amount is guaranteed by the Trust.

BCIC - Amrita TBI session on Rural Marketing on March 20, 2021

The BCIC - Amrita TBI joint session presented on the tasks of contacting, communicating and disseminating information are far more challenging and demanding Rural Markets that are entirely different endeavour from those that market urban products.

Mr. Harish Lalchandani, VP-Strategy,

Farm Equipment Sector, Mahindra and Mahindra spoke about various strategies and methods of marketing and promoting rural specific products and services and the impact of social media in rural marketing; also emphasized on exploring rural marketing in a new normal post COVID-19.

The session was moderated by Dr. Shekar Babu, Professor and Founding Head, Amrita School of Business, Bangalore.

This is the third webinar of the Knowledge Exchange series jointly organized by BCIC (under the aegis of MSME Council) and AMTBI.

Introductory Masterclass on Converting shop floor assets to smart manufacturing systems on March 22, 2021

The above session was organized under the aegis of Industry 4.0 Expert Committee, BCIC, with the objective of providing the participants an opportunity to interact, learn, share ideas and network with experts and technology lead in exploring and gathering insights on investment opportunities in Smart Manufacturing.

Mr. A N Chandramouli, Chairman, Industry 4.0 Expert Committee, BCIC moderated the session.

Prof. Sunil Jha, Prof. IIT-ND & Master Trainer and Mr Ravi Agarwal, President, Automated Industry Association (AIA) presented on the following initiatives:

- Awareness of the next big change in manufacturing.
- Advising stakeholders with apt services and solutions
- Leveraging the Smart Manufacturing Capability Center at IIT Delhi
- Discover end-to-end solutions that

will help to optimize operations, reduce downtime and maximize profitability.

- Spreading awareness about indigenized form of Industry 4.0 i.e. Samarth Udyog.

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➤ Session on IT Industry journey and future prospects on March 23, 2021

At the session organized under the aegis of ICT and Electronics Expert Committee, BCIC, Mr. K Purushothaman, Head Government Affairs (States), Cognizant Technology Solutions spoke on the following subjects:

- Journey of IT industry –its boom in the year 2000
- Future prospects

- During and post COVID-19 scenario
- Policies, FDI helping factors
- Benchmarking State-wise policies
- Skilled manpower; gig employees; rural geographies explored
- Development of Tier-2 cities especially the philosophy of Work from Home concept

Dr.Veerappan V, Chairman, ICT and Electronics Expert Committee moderated the session.

➤ Knowledge Sharing Session by Mr. H G Chandrashekar, Founder & CMD, Sasmos HET Technologies Ltd on March 25, 2021

The above session organized under the aegis of Aerospace Aviation Expert Committee, BCIC was addressed by Mr. H G Chandrashekar, Founder & CMD, Sasmos HET Technologies Limited, who shared his experiences and challenges faced as an entrepreneur in setting up

and making Sasmos a world-class organization.

He emphasized on involving and motivating employees to achieve a common objective through innovation, risk optimization, taking advantage of opportunities, and managing the

dynamic organizational environment. His perseverance with innovating thinking, strategic and operational excellence is unparalleled and has made Sasmos HET a globally competitive organization.

➤ MoU signing Ceremony BCIC - Nagarjuna College of Engineering and Technology, Bengaluru on March 26, 2021

The BCIC and Nagarjuna College of Engineering, Bangalore signed an MoU with the objective to hold joint conferences and workshops; joint Hackathons and contests for Students;

Curricula development and undertake Faculty Development Programs; Incubation and start-ups and allied student development and promotion activities.

The above initiative is under the aegis of YoungBCIC Expert Committee.

➤ Session on Experiential Training on Safety and assessment using 3D / VR on March 29, 2021

The above session organized under the aegis of MSME Council, BCIC, demonstrated the experiential industrial safety training and assessment platform –SuRaXa—through Gamification making user training more interactive, engaging and interesting; industry safety training through visualization helping in recollecting the experiences, while recognizing the hazards and their

preparedness to respond to the safety scenarios.

The session was presented by the team Antiz Technologies viz., Mr. Thiru Vengadam, Strategic Advisor; Demo on SuRaXa by Mr. Raghavendra K, Co-founder and Director and Q&A on Health & Safety by Mr. Deepak Mugudar, EHS Advisor.

The session emphasized on improvement

of skill and standardization by way of experiential learning thus providing continuous assessment and consistent delivery of organization and in lowering maintenance costs as well.

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» Session on Economic Outlook and Capital Market on April 1, 2021

The above session which was organized under the aegis of Banking, Finance and Corporate Affairs Expert Committee, BCIC, was addressed by Mr. Anoop Bhaskar, Head – Equity, IDFC Asset Management Company, IDFC who extensively covered on:

- Perspective on the performance of

sectors and businesses given that COVID has affected businesses

- A broad economic outlook
- Perspective on the performance of Equity markets and key factors that have influenced the markets

Dr. K V Omprakash, Chairman, Banking,

Finance and Corporate Affairs Expert Committee moderated the session

The Chamber places on record the support from IDFC by way of sponsoring the session

» Masterclass on How to Monetize your Data on April 2, 2021

Organizations are generating gigabytes and terabytes of data every day; any activity in any field or in digital medium is likely leaving a digital footprint and it's the same for small, medium and large enterprises. 90% of these data are not getting tracked, managed and used to improve business efficiency, customer outreach or product / service improvement.

In order to bring in more awareness on the subject, the BCIC under the aegis of Young BCIC Expert Committee organized

the above session that was addressed by Mr. Mukesh Jain, CTIO and VP – Insights and Data, Capgemini India and Mr. Biswajit Biswas, Chief Data Scientist, Tata Elxsi.

The speakers exhaustively covered the following agenda during their presentation:

- How to find data generated by each organization
- Understand Data / Data collection Management techniques

- Usage of data for efficiency / product management / sales

- AI / ML / Data Science to propel Data Strategy

- Data Management Skills – Needs and demand supply

- Indian Enterprises – Business contexts

» 26th Convocation of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDMIMD) on April 3, 2021



Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC, represented the Chamber and delivered the Convocation Address and presented the Gold Medals to the Students for their outstanding performance in various specialisations at the 26th Convocation of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDMIMD), in the august presence of Dr. D Veerendra Heggade, Dharmadhikari of Dharmasthala and Chairman, SDMIMD.

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➤ Webinar on What it means to be an ever flourishing Company? A case study on April 5, 2021

A motivational and inspiring talk was delivered by Mr. Niranjan Kirloskar, Managing Director, Fleetguard Filters on the subject at the above session organized under the aegis of Manufacturing Expert Committee and MSME Council, BCIC.

Mr. Kirloskar explained on

- Building a decisive competitive edge and capitalizing on the same
- Proven and time tested practices

- Managing State of the art facilities and best in class technology.
- Setting benchmark for world-class trusted Applications
- Implementation of best practices
- "Knowhow and know why" of improving operational and financial parameters year after year
- Know how to achieve sustainable results without adding more and more resources

Ms. Ira Gilani, Member, Manufacturing Expert Committee, BCIC and Director, Goldratt India moderated the session.

His addressed was followed by a lively interaction from the participants with the key takeaway being: An organization that implements the best practices and delivers complete solutions is a "HALL MARK of an EVER FLOURISHING COMPANY".

➤ Meeting of Start-Ups / Finalists of BCIC Emerging Stars Award on April 7, 2021

As a way forward of the BCIC Emerging Start-Ups Award and as committed by the Chamber in hand holding the winners / finalists of the award the BCIC under the aegis of YoungBCIC Expert Committee had scheduled a meeting to

discuss on the following Agenda:

- Creating Leaders of the Committee
- Mentorship programme
- Fund launch
- Launch of Start- up Award 2021

Mr. K Jairaj, IAS Retd and Jury Chairman, along with Jury Panel Members, BCIC Office Bearers and Representatives from award winning organizations participated at the meeting to structure the roadmap.

➤ Session on Importance of Digital Ethics and its impact on Consumer, Society, Corporates and Nation - Joint session by BCIC - Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP Release of thought leadership on Digital Ethics on April 7, 2021

The above session organized under the aegis of YoungBCIC Expert Committee deliberated exhaustively on learnings, importance and relevance of digital ethics and its impact on Consumer, Society, Corporates and Nation.

Setting the theme: Dr. Vikram Venkateswaran, Director - Digital Risk, Risk Advisory, Deloitte India

Keynote Address and launch video of Digital Ethics paper: Rohit Mahajan, President - Risk Advisory, Deloitte India

Panel Discussion: Moderated by Mr. Manas Dasgupta, Chairman, YoungBCIC Expert Committee, BCIC; Panellists: Mr. Vishal Jain, Rajesh Mahapatra, SME from Amazon

Subjects covered:

Societal impact – How the education system should ensure that ethics is a crucial part of their students' training in digital technologies

Corporate impact – How enterprises can ensure the creation of guidelines on digital ethics while implementing products or providing services, and the benefits of doing so

Consumer impact – How organisations can build controls or define processes such that a consumer availing digital services or products does so within ethical boundaries

National/Global impact – The role regulatory guidelines and laws have in

maintaining ethics at a global or national level

Coinciding with the session, the joint study paper on Digital Ethics jointly brought out by BCIC and Deloitte was unveiled.

The session and the launch of paper was extensively covered in the media.

Click here to view:

<http://www.businessworld.in/article/India-Inc-must-consider-Digital-Ethics-framework-for-responsible-digitalisation-Deloitte-and-BCIC-Study/08-04-2021-385972/>

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➤ Webinar on Competition Law: An underdog with wide arms: General Principles of Competition Law on April 8, 2021

With the objective of bringing in awareness and as a knowledge sharing session, the above webinar was organised under the aegis of Banking, Finance and Corporate Affairs Expert Committee, BCIC, which was addressed by eminent speakers from Government, Industry and Profession, viz.,

Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta, IAS Chairman, Competition Commission of India

Mr. Prashanth S Shivadass, Advocate & Founder of Shivadass & Shivadass (Law Chambers)

Mr. Srikumar Narayan, Founder & CEO, Winfoware Technologies Limited Bangalore

Mr. N Senthil Nathan, Director, Nataraj Oil Mills Private Limited

Mr. Venkatakrishnan Natarajan, Executive Vice President and CFO, Tata Hitachi Construction Machinery Company

The Key takeaways of the above inaugural and 1st in the 4-part series were:

- Basics of Competition Law;
- Functioning of the Law
- Development, nuances and advancements under the Law;
- Do's and Don'ts under the Law

Dr (HC) K V Omprakash, Chairman, Banking, Finance and Corporate Affairs Expert Committee, BCIC, moderated the session.

➤ Special Talk - New leadership Narratives for 2021 and beyond: Are You behind the change, along the change or ahead of the change? on April 17, 2021

In the background of Covid-19 creating increased financial debt, polarization, geopolitical instability, and unprecedented events colliding to amplify one another in unpredictable ways, organizations' inability to predict and plan can impede progress in addressing critical issues, and this slow action can accelerate the underlying problems.

In context of the above scenario, Mr. Venkataraman Subramanyan, Founder, Tripura Multinational and Global Coaching Lab, an experienced facilitator and Coach, addressed on the new leadership narratives involving all the participants on an interactive basis.

His interaction comprised seeking inputs from members and seeking justification for their responses on the most sought questions viz., biggest business challenge in 2021; biggest personal leadership challenge in 2021; Valuable leadership lessons learnt, etc.

He briefly elaborated on the need for sustainability; Life Roles balance worksheet (Sleep, work, family, health, community, Me-time, finance, self-development, Must-Do); Three initiatives – Critical thinking framework: Accelerating the rise; Maximizing the opportunities; surviving the present; Achieve what by how and why from when

He mentioned the shifts in the skills are subtle, but they will better equip leaders to lead and navigate towards a more hybrid office environment in 2021. He emphasized that organizations should focus on diversity and provide an environment for every team member to thrive to attain their true potential.

The key takeaways from the session were to believe in people and their immense potential, leadership with honesty and integrity, showcasing a drive for excellence, and a passion to be world class in every engagement the organizations drive.

➤ Launch of BCIC Emerging Stars Award 2021 on April 22, 2021

The maiden Emerging Stars Start-up Award being a resounding success motivated the Chamber to launch the 2nd edition and accordingly the Young BCIC Expert Committee launched this unique initiative.

Setting the context: Ms. Richa Sarna, Co-Chair, Young BCIC Expert Committee

Sharing experience of the Maiden Award: Dr. L Ravindran, Mentor, Young BCIC Expert Committee

Motivation: Mr. K Jairaj, IAS Retd, and Chairman – Jury Panel

Officially launched by Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC

Approach and Plan (Schedule of

milestones; Award categories; Participation criteria; Jury evaluation; Promotion & Publicity; Partners & Sponsors): Mr. Manas Dasgupta, Chair, Young BCIC Expert Committee.

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Webinar on Recent Amendments in Schedule III of The Companies Act 2013 on April 23, 2021

The above session organized under the aegis of Banking, Finance and Corporate Affairs Expert Committee, BCIC was addressed by Mr. D Ramprasad, Practice Head and Mr. Vinay KS, Executive Partner-Assurance, ASA & Associates LLP.

The recent amendments in Schedule III to Companies Act requires a lot of additional disclosures in the financial statements that could further affect the decision-making of the reader while

analyzing the financial statements. Further, the auditors would also need to validate such additional disclosures and some of it could have a bearing on the audit reports as well. In this background, the speakers at the session deliberated on the amendments and its impact on Organizations covering on the topics: Disclosures with respect to Share Holders, Trade Payables, Trade Receivables, Capital Work in progress, Borrowings, Ratios etc; Background of

the above additional requirements and the impact of such disclosures.

Dr. K V Omprakash, Chairman, Banking, Finance and Corporate Affairs Expert Committee moderated the session.

The Chamber places on record its acknowledgment to M/s. ASA & Associates LLP for sponsoring the session.

Masterclass on Low Cost Automation on April 24, 2021

Dr. Devarajan S, Mentor, Manufacturing Expert Committee, BCIC and Sr. Vice President-Prod'n Engineering, TVS Motor Company Ltd., presented on the practical techniques on low cost automation for MSMEs, SMEs and Tier suppliers; How to graduate in the supply

chain for better value proposition by adopting to such low cost automation at the above session organized under the aegis of Industry 4.0 Expert Committee, BCIC.

The session specially curated by Mr. A N Chandramouli and Mr. V Jagannath,

Leaders of the Expert Committee, BCIC, for the benefit of manufacturing sector fraternity helped the participants in enhancing their knowledge on practical techniques on low cost automation for MSMEs and Tier suppliers.

Webinar on Shaping the Future of Education on April 28, 2021

The above session initiated by External Affairs Expert Committee in synergy Expert Committees viz., Tourism, Hospitality and Travel, HR and WEL, 3i,

Ind 4.0 and MSME Council was addressed by a galaxy of eminent speakers who shared insights on addressing the challenges and way

forward in collectively shaping the future of education with the current disruptions across the world in almost all sectors.

Topic	Addressed byTopic
Era of the Knowledge Economy	Dr. Prashanth Reddy , Co- Chairman, External Affairs Expert Committee, BCIC and CEO, FunderMax India
Empower, Engage & Experiment	Dr. Augustus Azariah , Chairman, HR and Women Empowerment & Leadership Expert Committee, BCIC and HR Leader, IBM India/South Asia
Presidential Address	Mr. T R Parasuraman , President, BCIC and President & Whole Time Director, Toyota Industries Engine India
Curtain Raiser - Launch of the Hospitality Training Programme	Mr. Rajan Bahadur , CEO, Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council (THSC)
Emerging Trends in the Hospitality Sector	Mr. Rajan Bahadur , CEO, Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council (THSC) Mr. Shrinivas HNS , Group HR Director, Taj Hotels and now active in building Tata Indian Institute of Skills Mr. V R Venkatadri , Principal, Institute of Hotel Management

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Topic	Addressed byTopic
Educating the Next	<p>Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director, IIM Nagpur</p> <p>Mr. AN Chandramouli, Chairman, Industry 4.0 Expert Committee, BCIC</p> <p>Dr. K N Subramanya, Chairman, 3i Expert Committee, BCIC and Principal and Professor, Dept. of Industrial Engineering and Management, R V College of Engineering</p> <p>Dr. J Crasta, Co-Chairman, MSME Council, BCIC</p> <p>Ms. Sameera Fernandes, Chair, External Affairs Expert Committee, BCIC and Director, Ecosol Global</p> <p>Ms. Farzaneh Majed, CEO, Transformation Alliance & Partner, ROI Institute</p> <p>Mr. Nitin Garg, Co-Chairman, 3i Expert Committee, BCIC and Founder and Director, International School of Management Excellence (ISME)</p>
New course by Brigade Hospitality in association with THSC	Mr. Sundeep Chhabra , National Head - Training, Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council (THSC)
Vote of thanks	Ms. Lavanya Pachisia , Co-Chair, HR and Women Empowerment & Leadership Expert Committee, BCIC and CFO Zivame

The session also witnessed the launch of Hospitality Training Program – joint initiative of BCIC - Brigade Hospitality - Hospitality Skill Development Council.

➤ Session on Competition Law - Intellectual Property, Data Protection and Privacy Laws on April 29, 2021

The above session organized under the aegis of Banking, Finance and Corporate Affairs Expert Committee, BCIC was addressed by the following speakers on the Government, e-commerce and legal perspectives:

Dr. K D Singh, Director, Competition Commission of India

Mr. Ganesh Kollegal, AVP – Government Affairs, Bundl Technologies Pvt Ltd (Swiggy)

Mr. Sargam Jain, Head – Legal, Acer India

Moderator: Mr. Prashanth S Shivadass, Partner, Shivadass & Shivadass (Law Chambers).

The Chamber places on record its acknowledgement to M/s. Shivadass & Shivadass for sponsoring the session.

➤ Session on Discover the business climate of Israel on May 6, 2021

The above session organized under the aegis of International Business Expert Committee provided an opportunity for

members to interact with the officials from Consulate General of Israel to South India (Bangalore) and learn more

about the investment opportunities in Israel.

Keynote Address	H.E. Mr. Jonathan Zadka Consul General of Israel to South India
Presentation on Investment opportunities in Israel	Dr. Shai Moses Consul for Trade and Economic Affairs Consulate General of Israel to South India (Bangalore)
Sharing of experiences of Doing Business in Israel and India	Mr. YeolKadish Entrepreneur and Founder, Shepha

Mr. K Ravi, Chairman, International Business Expert Committee, BCIC, proposed signing of an MoU that would facilitate assistance / guidance, incentives to business investors interested in considering business expansion in Israel.

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▶▶ Roundtable on Managing Wave Two – Sharing employee best practices on May 7, 2021

As the 2nd wave of COVID-19 is raging across the country, Corporate India has risen to the challenge to ride the storm, ensuring the safety of the workforce and also balancing business and client expectations in a lockdown situation.

Given this background, the BCIC under the aegis of HR and Women Empowerment & Leadership Expert Committee organized the above session that was addressed by a galaxy of distinguished experts who shared their insights on ways companies are helping employees wade through Covid-related challenges and covered the following sectors wise-topics:

- Guidance and support employees during emergencies
- Gearing up - better preparedness
- Support program for vaccination - mandatory or not
- Mental health and wellness – extending the EAP

- Supporting remote employees – focus areas and challenges
- Financial assistance including insurance and salary pay cycles
- Policy changes – long term support
- Startups, SME Sector

The speakers included:

- Mr. Anandorup Ghose, Partner, Human Capital Consulting, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLP
- Dr. Nilima Kadambi, Chairperson, Indian Medical Association Committee for Emotional Well-being of Med Students and Doctors in India
- Mr. Siddharth Vishwanath, HR Head, Zivame
- Mr. A Vaidyanathan, MD & Founder, PAQS
- Ms. Anu Seth, Director & Co-founder, Pay It Forward

- Dr. Anupama Malagi, Professor, R V Institute of Management
- Mr. Abe Abraham, Partner, Bangalore, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
- Ms. Debjani Aich, Partner, Kochhar & Co, Bangalore

Dr. Augustus Azariah, Chairman, HR and WEL Expert Committee, BCIC, moderated the session.

The panelists shared best practices along with case studies on various organizations managing employee wellness, safety and care during these difficult times.

▶▶ Session on COVID-19: The second wave and beyond on May 8, 2021

At a first of its kind session, the following distinguished and renowned doctors gave a special talk at the session on COVID-19 - The Second Wave and Beyond:

- Dr. V. Ravi, MD, FAMS, FASc, FASTMH, Sr. Professor and Head (Retired), Department of Neurovirology, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS)
- Dr. S Kalyanasundaram, Sr. Consultant Psychiatrist & Hon. Advisor, Richmond Fellowship Society, Bangalore

Dr. Ravi in his presentation covered:

History of Covid-19

- Lessons learnt in the two waves: Virus; Transmission; Clinical; Vaccines
- How do we prepare ourselves for the future waves
- Novel corona viruses likely to emerge periodically wide distribution, Genetic diversity, Increasing human and animal activities, Frequent cross-species infections, Occasional spill over events
- Global Scenario of SARS CoV2 variants

- Country-wise scenario of the virus
- Epidemiology of CoVid 19 in Karnataka prior to lockdown
- Clinical spectrum of CoVid 19
- Myths and facts about corona wave
- When and What to expect in the third wave
- Opportunities- Prevention

At an exhaustive Q & A session, Dr. Ravi responded to all the queries raised by members. The session was moderated by Dr. Kalyanasundaram.

▶▶ Special Talk - Special Talk on Self-care in Covid times by Dr. Nilima Kadambi on May 12, 2021

Dr. Nilima Kadambi, Founder Director, Belle Sante Institute of Functional

Medicine and Well-being, Bangalore, India; National Chairperson – Indian

Medical Association Committee for Emotional Health & Emotional Well-

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being of Medical Students & Doctors in India, addressed on the Holistic wellbeing and motivated the participants in maintaining physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness.

Dr. Kadambi covered on the following topics in her inspirational address:

- Three Pronged Approach to fight and WIN this World War "C" viz., IMMUNITY

= boost it for each individual;
COMMUNITY = control the spread;
SPIRITUALITY=faith in God

- Ways for immunity boosting at home
- Root cause and community spread prevention
- Practice of spirituality for resilience
- TIPS on Self-Care or caring for a loved

one during Covid-19 in home isolation and quarantine

- Post Covid scenario: Mental health challenges that needs to be acknowledged & addressed pro-actively

Her presentation was followed by lively interactions with the participants.

➤➤ BCIC – MICROSOFT Session seeking inputs on Single Window Platform, Government of Karnataka on May 19, 2021

A brainstorming session with the team from Microsoft along with the Office Bearers and Leaders of various Expert Committees was held to discuss on the initiative of designing a New Single Window Platform to ease procedures on

- 1) Starting a new business,
- 2) Expand or diversify an existing business,
- 3) Apply for incentives,
- 4) Understand the acts, rules, policies,
- 5) Enable easy collaboration with multiple state departments,
- 6) Comprehensive grievance framework to address the issues, etc.

Members present:

TEAM – Microsoft/E&Y

Mr. S Srinivasa Sivakumar, Chief Digital Advisor, Microsoft, MIT Technology Review Global Panel Member

Mr. Narasimhamurthy AS

TEAM – BCIC /S2S Expert Committee

Mr. M N Vidyashankar, IAS, Retd, Chairman, S2S Expert Committee, BCIC

Mr. A V Srinivasan, Co-Chairman, S2S Expert Committee, BCIC

Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC

Dr. L Ravindran, Vice President, BCIC

Mr. M B Dyaberi, IAS, Retd, CEO, Bengaluru Dr. B R Ambedkar School of Economics

Mr. Amit Jain, CFO, Toyota Industries Engine India

Mr. B Indushekar, Chairman, MSME Council, BCIC

Dr. Jacob Crasta, Co-Chairman, MSME Council

Mr. A Murali, Advisor, BCIC

Mr. B C Prabhakar, President, Karnataka Employers' Association

Mr. B Parameswaran, Director – Corporate, TIEI

The Microsoft Team works closely with the Office Ms. Gunjan Krishna, IAS, Commissioner for Industrial, Development & Director Industries & Commerce, Government of Karnataka on this initiative of enhancing ease of doing business and for bringing in more investments into the State of Karnataka.

The interaction was engaging and fruitful and the BCIC Team assured Mr. Sreenivasa Shivakumar on sharing a Representation from the Chamber on suggestions on improvement in various procedural and administrative issues for enhancing ease of doing business in the State.

➤➤ Masterclass on Quality 4.0 with case studies on May 22, 2021

The above Masterclass organized under the aegis of Industry 4.0 Expert Committee provided an overview of:

- CoPQ- Cost of Poor Quality, and how the same can be minimized by deploying Industry 4.0 techniques.
- Sensitized the manufacturing fraternity

in both small and large enterprises on ways for leveraging technology to manage Quality proactively and thus at the same time eliminate waste arising from internal & external failures

- Immense benefits of adoption of Ind 4.0 practices immensely benefiting not only productivity and asset

utilization but also in the area of Quality Improvement

Mr. Viswanathan, CTO, Maxbyte Technologies and Mr. A N Chandramouli, Chairman, Ind 4.0 Expert Committee presented on the Applications and Case Studies covering on: Online process monitoring; Digital QMS, EHS, KAIZEN;

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Process Interlock, Online SQC; Tool life monitoring; 4M Track & Trace; AR based digital work instruction

Mr. V Jagannath, Co Chairman, Ind 4.0 Expert Committee, BCIC moderated the session.

The session was attended by 235 participants that created a record of its own.

➤➤ Special Talk on Life beyond Covid-19 on May 26, 2021

At the above session organized under the aegis of Leadership Forum, Mr. Shekar Viswanathan, Past President, BCIC and former Vice Chairman, Whole Time Director, Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt Ltd.

In his interaction, Mr. Viswanathan covered on:

- Merits of the Government in addressing the Covid-19 scenario

- Though Covid being a pandemic, brought out empathy and hope amongst the public
- Stock market scenario – interim beneficiaries,
- Steps to contain inflation
- Big organizations need to support the supply chain / Tier 2 companies

- Corporate to address on the health infrastructure of their employees
- Employees need to adopt to the new working lifestyle or the New Normal

➤➤ Session on GST and e-Invoice on May 27, 2021

At the above session organized under the aegis of Indirect Taxes Expert Committee, Mr. Mukesh Shah, Partner, NNMS & Co. presented on requirements under GST, business challenges and allied topics, integrating data entry, GST filings, reconciliations, Accounts software, sales management ERPs into e-invoicing portals.

Mr. Badrinath N R, Chairman, Indirect

Taxes Expert Committee, BCIC moderated the session.

Mr. Adarsh Singh, Subject Matter Expert, WeP Solutions demonstrated on the WeP e-Invoice Platform covering on: Introduction to e-Invoicing; Applicability of e-Invoicing; Calculating aggregate turnover; Bulk upload of e-Invoice data onto WeP platform; Generation & Cancellation of IRN; Printout of e-

Invoice; Generation of E-Way bill using IRN.

The WeP Solutions also offered one-month free trial of their e-platform services as complimentary exclusively for BCIC members.

The Chamber places on record the support from WeP Solutions by way of sponsoring the session.

➤➤ Webinar on Improving Production shop efficiency on May 28, 2021

With the COVID-19 pandemic across the globe, manufacturing organizations face significant operational challenges. Manufacturing plants and their continued operation through the crisis and beyond will depend in large part on the organization's ability to navigate these wider risks.

In this background, the BCIC under the aegis of MSME Council organized the above session.

Mr. Sanjay Raina, Head – Assembly and Paint, Volvo Construction Equipment India Operations addressed at the session and presented on insights on few enablers for improving shop

efficiency. His presentation included Case study that helped participants understand implementation of the best practices.

➤➤ Containing Covid-19 through Lockdown and Unlock – An Overview on May 28, 2021

The above session organized under the aegis of Pharma and Healthcare Expert Committee was addressed by Dr. M K

Sudarshan, Chairman, COVID 19 Technical Advisory Committee, GoK& Retd. Dean and professor and HoD of

Community Medicine, KIMS Bangalore.

In his presentation, Dr. Sudarshan addressed on the following issues on

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Covid-19:

- Types of transmission – Droplet and airborne
- Effectiveness and risk factors of face masks
- Social Distancing Guidelines
- Sensitization / Disinfection: practices and procedures
- Wrong sanitization practices
- The story, effect and impact of lock and unlock:
- Cause and effect of lockdowns in the State of Karnataka
- Covid -19 tracker
- Post Covid-19 -Way forward

➤➤ BCIC - ICSI Joint Session on Directors' Remuneration on May 29, 2021

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) at a recent amendment notified in the Directors' remuneration seeks to amend Schedule V of the Companies Act 2013 in Part II under the heading Remuneration.

In order to throw more light on the Directors' remuneration that forms an important aspect under the companies Act, 2013, the BCIC under the aegis of Banking, Finance and Corporate Affairs Expert Committee, in coordination with

The ICSI - Bengaluru Chapter organized the above session wherein eminent speakers provided an overview and elucidated on the changes brought by the recent amendment.

- CS Gopala Krishna Hegde, Past Central Council Member, ICSI & Director, Sri-Gem Corporate Services, Bengaluru;
- CS Vinay M A, Sr. Manager- Corporate Secretarial & Compliance, Wipro Ltd

- Dr.(HC) K V Omprakash, Chairman, Banking, Finance and Corporate Affairs Expert Committee, BCIC, Founder Director, Conscientia Consultancy

- CS Vijay Kumar Sajjan, Chairman, The ICSI - Bengaluru Chapter

➤➤ BCIC - Technology Enabling Center, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Knowledge Exchange Webinar Series - Family Business in MSMEs: Dynamics and Insights on May 29, 2021

The BCIC, under the aegis of MSME Council coordinated with Technology Enabling Center, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham in jointly organizing the Fourth in the Knowledge Exchange Webinar Series on Family Business in MSMEs: Dynamics and Insights.

At the above session, Mr. N Krishnan, Family Business Advisor & Founder Partner, Sadashiva Consulting Services and former CEO- GMR Institute of Family Businesses addressed on the family businesses with their myriad challenges, interests, excitements and prospects

with a complicated dynamic. His talk also included success stories from people who have navigated well in similar challenges in understanding the family business better.

➤➤ Role of Occupational Health and Safety at Gemba on May 29, 2021

Dr. Sunil Kasturi, Occupational Health Specialist, Volvo CE India addressed the members on the importance of occupational health and safety at the manufacturing facility. His presentation comprised case studies on

- Best practices on integrated and holistic approach towards occupational health and safety at workplace in the present pandemic scenario
- Simple and effective guidelines towards effective management

The above session was organized under the aegis of MSME Council, BCIC.

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Event No.	Expert Committee	Date	Event
001	Ind 4.0	17.8.2020	BCIC - C414 LAB: Webinar on Industry 4.0 Initiatives for Indian Industry
002	General	04.9.2020	Presentation on BCIC Exclusive Reports to Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister for Commerce & Industry, Government of India on September 4, 2020
003	General	02.09.2020	Meeting with Deputy High Commissioner (Head of the Mission), Bangladesh Deputy High Commission, Mumbai
004	Bnkf, Fin & Corp	10.09.2020	Webinar on Introducing Competition Law – How it can help or destroy your business?
005	Indirect Taxes	11.09.2020	Webinar on Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements
006	Direct Taxes	12.09.2020	Webinar on Honouring the Honest Tax Payers and e-Assessment
007	Leadership Forum	22.09.2020	BCIC Leadership Forum Panel Discussion on Atmanirbhar Bharat - India's self-reliance
008	HR and WEL	25.09.2020	Round Table on impact of labour reform bills on various sectors of Industry
009	3i	26.09.2020	Virtual National Conference on Building Managerial Competencies through Reskilling and Upskilling in the New Normal BCIC in association with Kristu Jayanti School of Management (September 26 & 27, 2020)
010	Infra, Energ, W &Envt	30.09.2020	Preliminary discussions on Reducing cost of electricity for industries in Karnataka using open access
011	3i	03.10.2020	BCIC Webinar on National Education Policy 2020
012	Bnkf, Fin & Corp	14.10.2020	Webinar on Audit Issues and Annual Compliances
013	Ind 4.0	15.10.2020	BCIC Session on Improving Competitiveness of Indian Manufacturing through appropriate and affordable Automation towards Atmanirbhar Bharat
014	MSME Council	16.10.2020	BCIC - Government eMarketplace (GeM) Interactive Session
015	Bnkf, Fin & Corp	20.10.2020	Panel Discussion on RBI Circular on Current Account with the banks
016	Ind 4.0	22.10.2020	Human Development for next generation job roles of Industry 4.0
017	MSME Council	22.10.2020	MoU signing ceremony: BCIC and Amrita Technology Business Incubator
018	Intl Business	22.10.2020	Webinar on New Initiatives by Customs Department for the Exporters and Importers
019	Agro & Fd Proc	29.10.2020	Special Talk by Prof. T N Venkata Reddy, Retd. Proessor, UASB, GKVK
020	Leadership Forum	30.10.2020	Interactive Session with Mr. Bhaskar Bhat, Former MD, Titan Co and Non Independent Director, Tata Chemicals Ltd
021	Tourism	5.11.2020	MoU signing ceremony: BCIC and Tourism and Hospitality Sector Skill Council
022	Young BCIC	06.11.2020	Young BCIC - Tech Talk on Cyber Security as a Rewarding Profession
023	Ind 4.0	6 & 7.11.2020	Two-day session Industry 4.0 Orientation for Engineers & Managers
024	External Affairs	7.11.2020	BCIC Members' Day
025	Manufacturing	10.11.2020	BCIC - NSDC Awareness session on NSDC Qualification Pack – National Occupation Standard
026	Leadership Forum	11.11.2020	Interactive Session with Mr. Kamal Bali, President and CEO, Volvo Group, India
027	Young BCIC	12.11.2020	Inaugural session: BCIC AccelATHON 2.0 Online - Inter-college Hackathon
028	Indirect Taxes	12.11.2020	Webinar Series on GST Audit by the Tax Office - Different forms in which the proceedings can be initiated by the tax office
029	Young BCIC	16.11.2020	Session 1: "Smart City Overview" 1st of 3 part Young BCIC Mini Series on Smart Cities
030	Young BCIC	18.11.2020	Session 2: "Command and Control Center" – 2nd of 3 part Young BCIC Mini Series on Smart Cities
031	Indirect Taxes	19.11.2020	Webinar Series on GST Audit by the Tax Office - rights and privileges of the tax payer + role, functions and duties of the tax officers
032	Aerospace Aviation	19.11.2020	Special Talk on current issues in Aerospace and Aviation Sector
033	Manufacturing	20.11.2020	Knowledge Series: 1st Workshop on Enhancement of Productivity - Turning and Milling applications
034	Young BCIC	20.11.2020	Session 3: "Data Analytics" – 3rd of 3 part Young BCIC Mini Series on Smart Cities
035	External Affairs	22.11.2020	Blood Donation Camp of Asian Medical students' Association- India, Vydehi Medical college supported by BCIC
036	Ind 4.0	24.11.2020	BCIC Webinar on Digital Twin: Application of Industry 4.0 for multiple industry sectors
037	3i	25.11.2020	Webinar on Future Electrification Technologies and Strategies for low carbon society in India
038	Agro & Fd Proc	25.11.2020	Webinar on Food/Agro processing industry segment jointly with Abu Dhabi Por Zone
039	Infra, Energ, W &Envt	25.11.2020	BCIC - IEX Webinar on Optimizing Power Procurement Cost for Commercial and Industrial (C & I) Sectors, Karnataka
040	Indirect Taxes	26.11.2020	Webinar Series on GST Audit by the Tax Office - What you should really look for and do ... when you get a notice or any communication from the tax office
041	3i	26.11.2020	Workshop on Consultancy in Industry

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042	Young BCIC	30.11.2020	Finale and Awards Ceremony: BCIC AccelATHON 2.0 Online - Inter-college Hackathon
043	Indirect Taxes	3.12.2020	Webinar Series on GST Audit by the Tax Office - Keep these in order! For the audit by the tax office
044	Manufacturing	4.12.2020	Workshop 2: Fundamentals of cutting tools - Turning and Milling - Live examples for better understanding
045	Ind 4.0	4.12.2020	BCIC - FANUC Joint Session on Factories of The Future – Leveraging Smart Manufacturing with IoT&AI
046	Bnkg, Fin & Corp Affairs	5.12.2020	Webinar on Arbitrations Landscape – Measures to promote ADR
047	General	5.12.2020	Interactive Session with Mr. T M Vijay Bhaskar, IAS, Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka
048	Indirect Taxes	10.12.2020	Webinar Series on GST Audit by the Tax Office - GST Audit – From the Government Perspective
049	General	11.12.2020	Interaction with Shri R Srinivasan, Past President, BCIC and Co-Author of the book: ABOVE AND BEYOND: How to build impactful businesses, where everybody wins
050	Direct Taxes & Electronics	11.12.2020	Webinar on PLI
051	Ind 4.0	15.12.2020	Session on Industry 4.0 with Augmented Reality / Mixed Reality
052	Manufacturing	17.12.2020	Workshop 3: High Precision Die Mold Machining- 360° Comprehensive approach
053	3i	17.12.2020	Webinar on Enhancing the Employability of Professional Graduates and Examination Proctoring Solution
054	External Affairs	18.12.2020	BCIC CSR Impact Awards 2020
055	General	21.12.2020	Interactive Session with Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Government of India
056	Young BCIC	23.12.2020	Felicitation ceremony of winners of BCIC AccelATHON
057	Indirect Taxes	28.1.2021	Session addressed by Mr. Shivadass, Mentor, Indirect Taxes Expert Committee, BCIC on Karnataka Karasamadhana Scheme (VAT / CST / ET)
058	Bnkg, Fin & Corp Affairs	5.1.2021	Webinar on Four Years Journey of IBC – Milestones
059	MSME Council	5.1.2021	BCIC - CSD Webinar on Contract Management (org under the aegis of MSME Council, BCIC)
060	Pharma & Healthcare	7.1.2021	Session on Vaccines & Vaccination - An Overview
061	Ind 4.0	8.1.2021	Webinar on Digital Transformation for Smart Manufacturing
062	HR and WEL	12.1.2021	BCIC – BIA Webinar on New Labour Codes
063	Pharma & Healthcare	13.1.2021	Webinar: BREXIT and its impact on new U K Regulatory Compliance for Pharmaceutical Industry
064	Intl Business	20.1.2021	Discover the Netherlands Business Climate
065	Young BCIC	20-21-22.1.2021	BCIC Emerging Star Awards
066	Manufacturing	25.1.2021	Workshop on Selection of Machine Tools
067	MSME Council	27.1.2021	Launch and Inauguration: BCIC – Amrita TBI – MSME Session
068	General	28.1.2021	Sharing of experience of travelling by road on a two-wheeler from Kanyakumari to Kashmir by Mr. Devesh Agarwal, Immediate Past President, BCIC
069	Agro & Fd Proc	29.1.2021	Webinar on Digitization of HR and demonstration of ZingHR, an Outcomation™ platform for HR automation
070	Tourism, Hospitality & Travel	29.1.2021	Workshop on Anti Terrorism, Security threats & Mitigation Measures for Hospitality Sector by Internal Security Division (ISD), Karnataka State Police
071	Direct Taxes	1.2.2021	Live Telecast of the Union Budget 2021-2022
072	Direct Taxes	2.2.2021	BCIC - BIA – Post Budget Analysis of the Union Budget 2021 - 2022
073	Young BCIC	3.2.2021	Signing of MoU: BCIC with JSS Science & Technology University, Sri Jaychamarajendra College of Engineering, Mysuru
074	Bnkg, Fin & Corp Affairs	4.2.2021	BCIC – HDFC Bank Webinar on the state of economy and forex outlook
075	Bnkg, Fin & Corp Affairs	5 & 6.2.2021	Two - Day Workshop on IPR, Trademarks & Patents Registration Process
076	Ind 4.0	5.2.2021	Webinar on Digital Manufacturing Solutions for Arc Welding Industry
077	Intl Business	8.2.2021	Interactive Session with H.E. Mr. Adam Burakowski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to India and MoU Signing ceremony with IPCCI
078	Indirect Taxes	9.2.2021	BCIC - WTC,B: Joint session on Analysis of Indirect Tax provisions in the India Budget 2021-22
079	Leadership Forum	10.2.2021	BCIC Special Talk on Technical Education in India - challenges, opportunities and a way forward for implementing radical changes
080	Leadership Forum	12.2.2021	BCIC In conversation with Padma Vibhushan Dr. K Kasturirangan, Former Chairman - ISRO; Chairman, Committee to draft the National Education Policy, Govt of India
081	HR and WEL	18.2.2021	Panel Discussion - Why does it make business sense for Gender Diversity in workplace?
082	Leadership Forum	18.2.2021	BCIC - Interactive Session with Prof. K Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India

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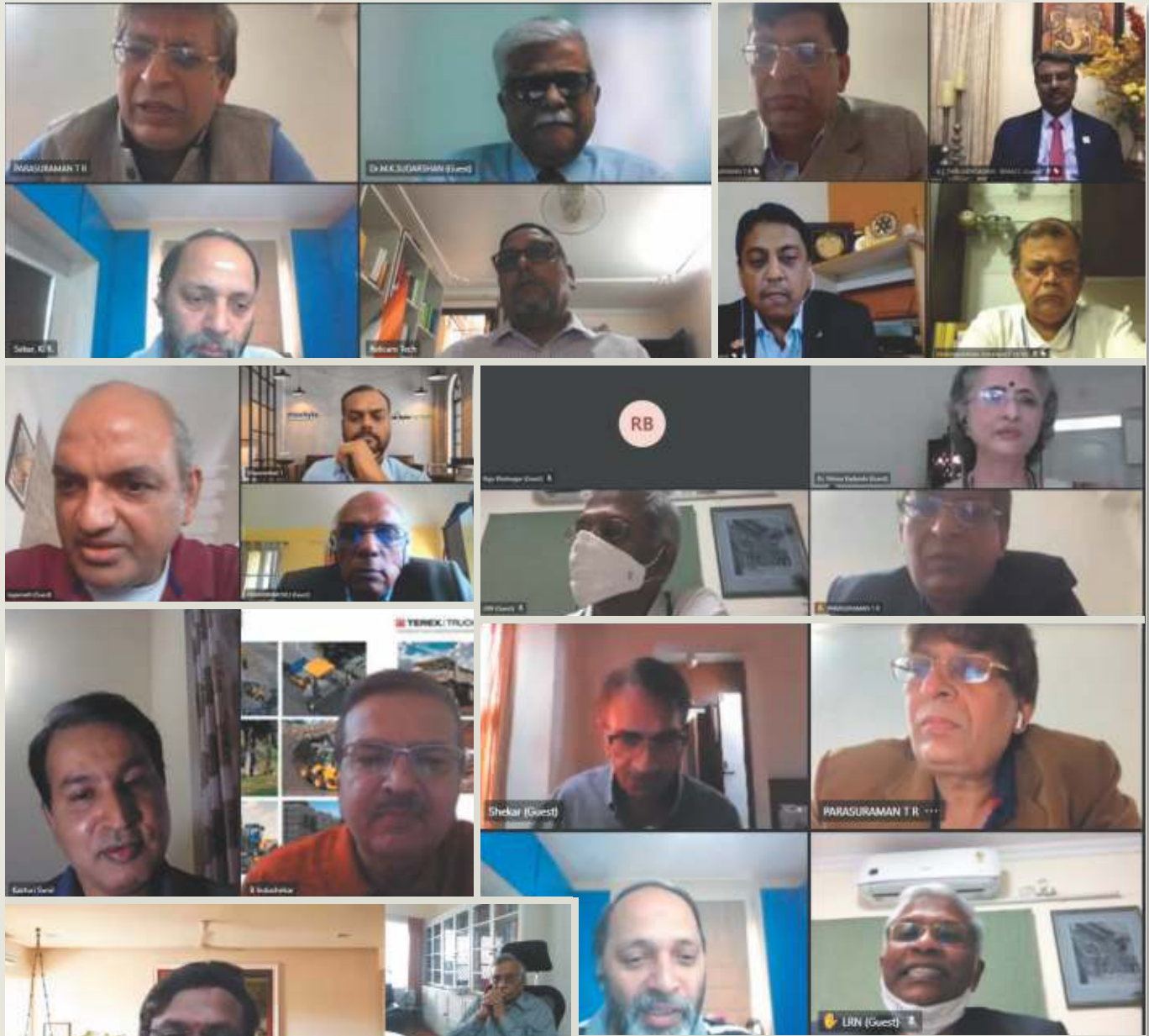
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083	MSME Council	20.2.2021	Webinar on Grow Your Money
084	Ind 4.0	25.2.2021	BCIC Masterclass on Digitalization and Automation
085	HR and WEL	25.2.2021	BCIC Session on Return to Workplace
086	Young BCIC	26.2.2021	Interaction with Winners / Finalists of BCIC Emerging Stars Award with Jury and Vcs
087	Golf	6.3.2021	11th Edition of BCIC Corporate Golf Tournament and Prize distribution ceremony
088	MSME Council	9.3.2021	Session on Exploring opportunities for Indian Start-ups/ SMEs in the State of Pennsylvania
089	General	10.3.2021	Sharing of experience - Operation Black Tornado (26/11 Mumbai attacks) by BRIG.SUNIL SHEORAN
090	Direct Taxes	12.3.2021	Webinar on SC Ruling on Software Royalty
091	General	17.3.2021	BCIC Joint Meeting on SANKALP (Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) initiatives with Automotive Skill Development Council and GIZ (BCIC as Associate Partner)
092	MSME Council	18.3.2021	AGNI Mission - Role of innovations in promoting MSME competitiveness (Org under MSME Council)
093	Agro & Fd Proc	18.3.2021	Webinar on Public Private Partnership (PPP) in integrated Agriculture/Horticulture development - Paving the way for healthy growth and development
094	Young BCIC	18.3.2021	BCIC Interactive Session with Mr. Manjunath, Joint Director, CDC, Department of Technical Education, Govt. of Karnataka on Way-Forward in making Diploma / Polytechnics students INDUSTRY-READY
095	MSME Council	19.3.2021	Awareness session on various schemes of the Government for MSMEs
096	MSME Council	20.3.2021	BCIC - Amrita TBI session on Rural Marketing
097	Ind 4.0	22.3.2021	Introductory Masterclass on Converting shop floor assets to smart manufacturing systems
098	ICT & Electronics	23.3.2021	Session on IT Industry journey and future prospects
099	Aerospace Aviation	25.3.2021	Knowledge Sharing Session by Mr. HG Chandrashekar, Founder & CMD, Sasmos HET Technologies Ltd
100	Young BCIC	26.3.2021	MoU signing Ceremony BCIC - Nagarjuna College of Engineering and Technology, Bengaluru
101	MSME Council	29.3.2021	Session on Experiential Training on Safety and assessment using 3D / VR
102	Bnkg, Fin & Corp Affairs	1.4.2021	Session on Economic Outlook and Capital Market
103	Young BCIC	2.4.2021	Masterclass on How to Monetise your Data
104	Manufacturing	5.4.2021	Webinar What it means to be an ever flourishing Company? A case study
105	Young BCIC	7.4.2021	Meeting of Start-Ups / Finalists of BCIC Emerging Stars Award
106	Young BCIC	7.4.2021	Session on Importance of Digital Ethics and its impact on Consumer, Society, Corporates and Nation - Joint session by BCIC - Deloitte
107	Bnkg, Fin & Corp Affairs	8.4.2021	Webinar on Competition Law: An underdog with wide arms: General Principles of Competition Law
108	Leadership Forum	17.4.2021	Special Talk -New leadership Narratives for 2021 and beyond: Are You behind the change, along the change or ahead of the change?
109	Young BCIC	22.4.2021	Launch of BCIC Emerging Stars Award 2021
110	Bnkg, Fin & Corp Affairs	23.4.2021	Webinar on Recent Amendments in Schedule III of The Companies Act 2013
111	Ind 4.0	24.4.2021	Masterclass on Low Cost Automation
112	Special Talks	27.4.2021	Interactive Session with Shri. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for MSME, Road Transport and Highways, Government of India
113	External Affairs	28.4.2021	Webinar on Shaping the Future of Education
114	Bnkg, Fin & Corp Affairs	29.4.2021	Session on Competition Law - Intellectual Property, Data Protection and Privacy Laws
115	Intl Business	6.5.2021	Session on Discover the business climate of Israel
116	HR and WEL	7.5.2021	Roundtable on Managing Wave Two – Sharing employee best practices
117	Special Talks	8.5.2021	Session on COVID-19: The second wave and beyond
118	Special Talks	11.5.2021	Interactive Session with Shri Jagadish Shettar, Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Scale Industries, Government of Karnataka
119	Special Talks	12.5.2021	Special Talk on "Self-care in Covid times" addressed by Dr.Nilima Kadambi, National Chairperson- Indian Medical Association Committee for Emotional Well-being of Doctors
120	MSME Council	28.5.2021	Webinar on Improving Production shop efficiency
121	Ind 4.0	22.5.2021	Masterclass on Quality 4.0 with case studies
122	EODB - S2S	19.5.2021	BCIC – MICROSOFT Session seeking inputs on Single Window Platform, Government of Karnataka
123	Indirect Taxes	27.5.2021	Session on GST and e-Invoice
124	Bnkg, Fin & Corp Affairs	29.5.2021	BCIC - ICSI Joint Session on Directors' Remuneration

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125	Leadership Forum	26.5.2021	Special Talk on Life beyond Covid-19
126	Pharma & Healthcare	28.5.2021	Containing Covid-19 through Lockdown and Unlock – An Overview
127	MSME Council	29.5.2021	BCIC - Technology Enabling Center, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Knowledge Exchange Webinar Series - Family Business in MSMEs: Dynamics and Insights
128	MSME Council	29.5.2021	Role of Occupational Health and Safety at Gemba
129	Pharma & Healthcare	4.6.2021	Special Talk on Road map ahead for COVID-19 Vaccination by Dr.Gagandeep Singh Bedi, Country President and MD, Astra Zeneca Pharma
130	Leadership Forum	9.6.2021	Session on Economy and Industry Recovery Post Covid-19: A perspective by Dr.Rumki Majumdar
131	Pharma & Healthcare	8.6.2021	Session on VIRUS is nothing without I and U - Even Covid -19 could take VRS if I and U don't support it! - Dr. Captain. Suresh, Occupational Physician and Diabetologist, TIEI - Toyota Group
132	Manufacturing	16.6.2021	Session on Additive manufacturing - Significance in Indian manufacturing by Dr. Vishwas R Puttige
133	Special Talks	11.6.2021	Session - CSR engagements with a multiplier effect facilitated by the Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India by Dr.SapnaPoti
134	Special Talks	21.6.2021	Special Talk on Yoga & Meditation during Covid-19 and beyond
135	Infra, Energy, W & Envt AND EODB (S2S)	8.6.2021	Session on Pollution Perspective and its Relevance on World Environment Day by Mr. Srinivasalu, IFS, Member Secretary, KSPCB
136	EODB (S2S)	11.6.2021	Interactive Session with Dr.Rajkumar Khatri, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce & Industries Dept., Govt. of Karnataka
137	EODB (S2S)	12.6.2021	Interaction with Mrs. Gauri Kumar on MSMEs
138	Special Talks	25.6.2021	Special Talk on New Industrial Policy 2020 - 2025 by Smt. Gunjan Krishna, IAS
139	Young BCIC	7.6.2021	BCIC - IBA MoU Signing Ceremony: Entrepreneurship Certificate Programmes
140	Infra, Energy, W & Envt	15.6.2021	Session on seeking inputs on energy concerns of MSMEs
141	Manufacturing and Pharma & Healthcare	12.6.2021	Webinar on implementation of Lean and ToC in Healthcare Industry – A case study
142	Agro & Food Processing	17.6.2021	Special Talk on Organics: From farming to Agri Business - addressed by Mr. Manoj Menon, ED & COO, International Competence Centre for Organic Agriculture (ICCOVA)
143	Ind 4.0	26.6.2021	Masterclass on Welding Automation in Manufacturing
144	International Business	29.6.2021	Online B2B Meeting with Taiwan Trade Delegation to India
145	Manufacturing	18.6.2021	Knowledge and Experience Sharing session: Project Management Challenges and Solutions
146	Manufacturing	21.6.2021	Session on Eco-System Restoration: A Practical Approach for Industries! Jointly with TKM and TKAP
147	Indirect Taxes	29.6.2021	Session on Getting ready for GST Assessments
148	International Business	25.6.2021	Online Business Matching Event - "DTN Business Plan Award 2020: Seeking Trade Opportunity with FTA"
149	3i	26.6.2021	BCIC - Jain University: Virtual International Conference on Reforming Policies for Ease of Doing Business – Road Ahead
150	International Business	16.6.2021	BCIC - Kenya Investment Meet
151	Special Talk	18.6.2021	5 Strategies to consistently exceed your sales quota
152	International Business	18.6.2021	Invitation to Japan Challenge for Society 5.0-Accelerate Innovation with Japan
153	HR and WEL	24.6.2021	Session on UN Women Empowerment Principles (WEPs)
154	External Affairs	25.6.2021	Innovation and Emerging Trends @ Real Estate Sector
155	MSME Council	25.6.2021	BCIC - AMTBI Invitation to Knowledge Exchange Webinar Series: Intellectual Property Rights: Overview and Management
156	International Business	6.1.2021	3-day Training programme (Jan 6-8, 2021) to BCIC members on e-CERTIFICATE of ORIGIN (e-COO) process
157	Bnkg, Fin & Corp Affairs	9 & 10.7.2021	2-day International Mediation Conference - Social Justice through Mediation organized by Bangalore International Mediation Arbitration & Conciliation Centre (BIMACC)
158	Ind 4.0	9.7.2021	Deep Learning / Computer Vision innovations at Drishti Technologies"
159	Aerospace Aviation	29.6.2021	Special Talk on Indian and Global Aerospace: Opportunities for "Make in India" & Make for the World
160	International Business	29.6.2021	Come Meet New Brunswick, Canada - BCIC Joint session with Indo-Canadian Business Chamber
161	MSME Council	3.7.2021	BCIC - Infimind Webinar on Business Excellence - Beyond Awards
162	Special Talk	7.7.2021	Special Talk on Optimism in Difficult Times by Mr. V Aswatha Ramaiah, Management Consultant, Unique Consultants
163	Special Talk	8.7.2021	Special Talk on Organizational & Professional Effectiveness during difficult times by Mr. V Aswatha Ramaiah, Management Consultant, Unique Consultants

EVENTS ORGANIZED DURING THE PERIOD






Session on GST and e-Invoice

May 27, 2021, 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm

COVID-19: The second wave and beyond.....

- The third wave -





Prof. V. Ravi, M.D., FRCG, FRCG (Fellow)
 Director Professor and Head (Faculty),
 Department of Microbiology,
 Institute of Health and Biomedical Sciences (IHBS)

BCIC MoUs



➤ Signing of MoU: BCIC – BIMACC in setting up BCIC Mediation Centre on March 5, 2021



The Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) and Bangalore International Mediation, Arbitration and Conciliation Centre (BIMACC) signed a MoU in setting up the BCIC-BIMACC Mediation Centre on March 5, 2021.

The initiative driven under the aegis of Banking, Finance and Corporate Affairs Expert Committee since the past three years extensively worked on the roadmap on constituting Mediation Centre which would be of immense help to members of

the Chamber in resolving commercial disputes, create awareness and promote private commercial mediation and could be further promoted across larger business community going forward.

The other initiatives of the Centre are to facilitate, organise and host lectures, conferences, trainings and seminars on topics in the area of private commercial mediation. BIMACC shall be the Knowledge Partner for these awareness and promotional programs.

THE 2021 Accredited Certified Mediator Training Programme

As a first initiative, a scientifically structured training programme for

members of BCIC and domain experts to pursue career as Mediator along with their existing profession has been initiated. Unlike arbitration, mediation is a voluntary process and the mediator does not impose his or her ideas and views, does not evaluate who is right or who is wrong and helps the parties determine the dispute's outcome. Once the disputants arrive at a mutual settlement, it is final, binding, not appealable and enforceable as a decree.



BCIC REPRESENTATIONS



Date	Expert Committee	Subject	Authority
Feb 22, 2021	Indirect Taxes	Pre-Budget Memorandum – State Taxes 2021 – 2022	Shri B S Yediyurappa Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka
Feb 24, 2021	-	Request to reconsider the revised fees levied to industries for obtaining consents	Sri. Vijayakumar Gogi , IFS, Chairman Karnataka State Pollution Control Board Shri Jagadish Shettar , Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Scale Industries, GoK Mr. P. Ravi Kumar , IAS, Chief Secretary to Government, GoK Mr. Gaurav Gupta , IAS Addl. Chief Secretary to Government Commerce & Industries Dept., GoK Sri. Srinivasulu , I.F.S Member Secretary Karnataka State Pollution Control Board Mr. Sandeep Dave , IAS Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Ecology Department, GoK Ms. Smitha Bijjur , IFS Principal Secretary to Government (Forest) Forest, Environment and Ecology Department, GoK Ms. Gunjan Krishna , IAS Commissioner for Industrial Dev. and Director, I&C, Dept. of Industries and Commerce, GoK
Mar 2, 2021	-	Re-opening of stone mine leases and crusher units in Chikkaballapur District	Shri B. S. Yediyurappa , Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri Muruges R Nirani Hon'ble Minister for Mines & Geology, GoK Shri Jagadish Shettar Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Scale Industries, GoK Dr. K Sudhakar Hon'ble Minister for Health, Family Welfare and Medical Education, GoK Shri CC Patil Hon'ble Minister for Small Scale Industries & Information, GoK Mr. P Ravi Kumar , IAS Chief Secretary to Government, GoK Mr. Gaurav Gupta , IAS Addl. Chief Secretary to Government Commerce & Industries Dept., GoK Mr. Ramesh DS. , IAS Director, Department of Mines and Geology, GoK
Mar 25, 2021	General	Request to permit private sector companies to administer vaccination to employees and relatives at their premises or in tie-up with hospital or clinic	Shri Jagadish Shettar , Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Scale Industries, Govt. of Karnataka Shri. Dr. K Sudhakar , Hon'ble Minister for Medical Education & Health, Govt. of Karnataka The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka The Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Industries and Commerce, Govt. of Karnataka The Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Health, GoK The Commissioner, Dept. of Industries and Commerce, Govt. of Karnataka
April, 7 2021	General	Regarding levy of property taxes on industries – request for waiver/relaxation	Dr. Rajkumar Khatri , IAS Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce & Industries Dept., Government of Karnataka Mr. P Ravi Kumar , IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka. Smt. Uma Mahadevan , IAS, Principal Secretary, Rural Dev. and Panchayat Raj Department. Smt. Gunjan Krishna , IAS, Commissioner of Industries and Commerce, Govt. of Karnataka Dr. N Shivashankara , IAS, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Member, KIADB Smt. Priyanka Mary Francis , IAS, Commissioner, Panchayat Raj, Govt. of Karnataka

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Date	Expert Committee	Subject	Authority
April, 9 2021	General	Request for clarification on the Order imposing night curfew	Shri. P Ravi Kumar , IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka The Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce and Industries Dept., Government of Karnataka The Commissioner of Industries and Commerce, GoK The Director – Technical, Commerce and Industries Dept., GoK
April, 20 2021	General	BCIC appeal to Government not to impose lockdown due to increase in COVID-19 cases all over India, especially in Karnataka	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Hon'ble Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Government of India
April, 20 2021	General	BCIC Covid 19 - New Normal Guidelines shared to members	Shri Jagadish Shettar Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Scale Industries, Government of Karnataka Shri. P Ravi Kumar , IAS Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka Dr. Rajkumar Khatri , IAS Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department, GoK Smt. Gunjan Krishna , IAS, Commissioner of Industries and Commerce, GoK
April, 21 2021	General	BCIC requested the State Government to provide frequent data & statistics of infections, recovery and vaccinated citizens	Dr. K Sudhakar Hon'ble Minister for Medical Education & Health, GoK Shri Jagadish Shettar , Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Scale Industries, Government of Karnataka Shri. P Ravi Kumar , IAS, Chief Secretary to GoK Shri. Jawaid Akhtar , IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary to Government, Health & Family Welfare Services, GoK Dr. Rajkumar Khatri , IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department, GoK Smt. Gunjan Krishna , IAS, Commissioner of Industries and Commerce, GoK
May, 4 2021	Infrastructure, Energy, Env't & Water	Issuance of NOC to open access consumer for inter-state open access transactions	The Chief Engineer Karnataka State Load Despatch Centre
May, 5 2021	Pharma and Healthcare	1. Request for vaccination of the labour force on priority in the manufacturing facilities in the industrial areas 2. Mobile vaccination vans for the industrial areas	Dr. Ashwath Narayan CN Honourable Deputy Chief Minister, GoK Dr. K Sudhakar Honourable Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Medical Education Shri. Jagadish Shettar Honourable Minister for Large & Medium Scale Industries, GoK The Chief Secretary, GoK The Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Health & Family Welfare Services, GoK The Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Industries and Commerce, GoK The Commissioner, Dept. of Ind and Commerce, GoK The Commissioner, Commissionerate, Health and Family Welfare Services, GoK
May, 8 2021	General	BCIC request to GoK to permit industrial establishments/ manufacturing units involved in exports to other countries to operate without hindrance	Shri. P Ravi Kumar , IAS Honourable Chief Secretary of Karnataka Dr. Rajkumar Khatri , IAS The Additional Chief Secretary Commerce & Industries Dept., GoK Ms. Gunjan Krishna , IAS Commissioner for Industrial, Development & Director Industries & Commerce, GoK
May, 10 2021	General	Representation pertaining to delivery of Products through e-commerce	Shri. N Manjunatha Prasad , IAS Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department (DM) and Member Secretary, GoK Shri Jagadish Shettar Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Scale Industries, Government of Karnataka Shri. P Ravi Kumar , IAS Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka Shri. Dr. Rajkumar Khatri , IAS, The Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce & Industries Dept., GoK Ms. Gunjan Krishna , IAS Commissioner for Industrial, Development & Director Industries & Commerce, GoK

BCIC REPRESENTATIONS



Submission of joint Representation from BCIC, ACMA (Southern Region) – Karnataka & Hosur and CII-Karnataka on May 22, 2021



Mr. T R Parasuraman, President BCIC, Mr. Kamal Bali, Past President CII & Mr. Satish Machani, Head ACMA Karnataka & Hosur had a meeting with Mr. B S Yediyurappa Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka and submitted a joint representation to review and reconsider of opening of Industries in Karnataka by following Strict Covid-19 appropriate behavior.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister assured to review opening of industry in phased stages with strict protocols.

Meetings with Government Officials / Consulates / other Chambers / Institutions



Meeting with Mr. Jagadish Shettar, Hon'ble Minister of Large and Medium Scale Industries, Govt of Karnataka on March 22, 2021



Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC, had a meeting with Mr. Jagadish Shettar, Hon'ble Minister of Large and Medium Scale Industries, Govt of Karnataka and appealed to the Minister to

- Reconsider the recent hike in Water & Air Consent fees revised by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB).
- Not to impose any lockdown which will affect the Industries in Karnataka

which is just recovering from the COVID 19 lockdown/seal down.

- To ensure travellers coming into Karnataka from all other neighbouring States carry RT PCR test report.

The Hon'ble Minister assured that the government would not take any hasty decisions and will make sure that industries in Karnataka will continue functioning without any disruptions.

further to the representations submitted by BCIC and various other Industry Associations, the Government of Karnataka had convened a meeting to seek inputs from the stakeholders on the hike in the Consent Fees.



Followup meeting with Smt. Gunjan Krishna, IAS, Commissioner of Industries and Commerce, Govt. of Karnataka on the Representation submitted on review of KSPCB consent fees

Meetings with Government Officials / Consulates / other Chambers / Institutions



Meeting with Mr. Gaurav Gupta, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce, GoK on March 26, 2021

AND

Dr. K Sudhakar, Hon'ble Minister for Medical Education & Health, Govt of Karnataka on April 7, 2021

Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC, had a meeting with Mr. Gaurav Gupta, IAS, and Dr. K Sudhakar, Hon'ble Minister for Medical

Education & Health, Govt of Karnataka, and submitted the Chamber's Representation to permit Private Sector Companies to

administer vaccination to their employees and relatives at their premises or to tie-up with hospitals or clinics.



(L to R): Mr. A Murali, Advisor, BCIC; Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC; Dr. K Sudhakar, Hon'ble Minister for Medical Education & Health, Govt of Karnataka; Mr. Naoya Matsumi, Dy. Managing Director, Sakra World Hospital and Mr. Prithvi KK, Dy. Secretary General, BCIC

Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC with Mr. Gaurav Gupta, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce,



The Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce wishes all the members who are celebrating their birthday during April - July 2021

Meetings with Government Officials / Consulates / other Chambers / Institutions



Interactive Session with Shri. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for MSME, Road Transport and Highways, Government of India on April 27, 2021



At an exclusive interaction with BCIC, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Honourable Minister for Road Transport & Highways, MSME, Govt of India said the proposed Bengaluru Ring Road project will boost economic activities around the city.

Here are the highlights of his address:

- The detailed project report for the Rs 17,000-crore project is being prepared, and the Karnataka government has assured the Centre it will share 25 per cent of the land acquisition cost and also give GST exemption for steel, cement and other materials used in the project, the Hon'ble Minister said.
- Development of Bengaluru's Outer Peripheral Ring Road would be done by having industrial clusters smart villages and a smart city around it.
- Mr. Gadkari asked industries to collaborate with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to develop industrial clusters, which are important for development. He added that industrial clusters can be developed along green express highways too.
- Emphasizing Bengaluru's contribution to the country's economic growth, the

Union minister said the city is the knowledge capital of India and many companies, including IT companies, are doing excellent work and establishing their units across the world. With all the talented manpower and potential, industry representatives from Bengaluru have to contribute to Atmanirbar Bharat. The government has taken up a number of projects, including 22 green expressway projects, to develop Indian infrastructure to international standards.

- The minister said work on the new express highway between Bengaluru and Chennai has already started, and the Bengaluru-Mysuru road project is going on. It is important for industrial and tourism development in Mysuru region, he said. Work is on at full speed and will be completed by September 2022. He also emphasized the huge potential for amphibious seaplanes and waterways in the country.
- Issues related to ShiradiGhat tunnel project (Mangaluru-Bengaluru) need to be sorted out.

Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC in his address briefed the Hon'ble Minister

on the activities of the Chamber, theme for the year and the constitution of expert committees and its objectives.

On the Infrastructure development and Highways, Mr. Parasuraman highlighted on the following w.r.t Bengaluru – Mysore Expressway

1. The six-laned Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway has bypasses to all major towns with simple entry-exit provisions, which are away from the designated vehicular underpasses. This may confuse the road users to reach entry/exit points from the main carriageway. The access points have to be made more user friendly.
2. Besides, there is a possibility of vehicles coming back in reverse direction to approach exit/entry points after missing it initially and this can result in accidents. If by chance, a person misses exit/entry point, he has to travel extra distance of more than 10 Kms to reach a point.
3. Technology or digital method should be adopted to pay toll fees to decongest urban town plaza.
4. The Open toll facility will not avoid

Meetings with Government Officials / Consulates / other Chambers / Institutions



bullock carts, tractors, three wheelers, two wheelers at the proposed entry-exit locations. Allowing the bullock carts, tractors, three wheelers, two wheelers in the Expressway can cause traffic and safety related issues.

Mr. B Indushekar, Chairman, MSME Council, BCIC presented on the suggestions pertaining to MSME Sector to enhance efficiency:

- Finance: Need for more Development Financial Institutions.
- Quality: Quality as a main enabler for selection of supplier instead of L1.
- Testing: Creating world-class test facilities to enhance speed of development.
- Market: Cluster model to enhance market opportunity.

Mr. Devesh Agarwal, Immediate Past President, BCIC addressed on the national highways on the following:

- a.Improvement in highways overall from Kanyakumari to Kashmir
- b.Road network to promote Cultural Tourism
- c.Introduce Bengaluru-Mumbai Expressway and leverage and intensify the existing industrial investment.
- d.Entry/Exit access to industrial areas from highways to be made user friendly.
- e.Scientific approach to policies on NH operations. Example: Currently there are 6 different speed limits even where highway is only 2 lanes. Have only 2 limits.
- f. Use latest toll-tag technology to reduce congestion at urban and semi-urban toll booths. (XpressTAG)
- g.Promote a multimodal distribution hub for South India in the Dobbespeta - Doddaballapur area.

h.Highway construction has tripled to almost 40km per day; Similar focus should be given to upgradation and repair of existing highways.

i. NH63 (Bellary), NH48 (around Satara, Hubli to Chitradurga, Tumkur to Nelamangala), NH75 (Hassan to Sakaleshpur).

ii. Request the construction of the Shiradi Tunnel Road Project between Mangaluru-Bengaluru be accelerated.

Mr. Kamal Bali, CEO & Managing Director, Volvo, sought support from the minister to have uniform policies on tax concessions across the states in India, while implementing the Motor Vehicles Scrap page Policy.



Meeting with Mr. Jagadish Shettar, Hon'ble Minister of Large and Medium Scale Industries, Govt of Karnataka on May 11, 2021

The BCIC had organized an interactive session with Mr. Jagadish Shettar, Honourable Minister of Large and Medium Scale Industries, Govt of Karnataka, who addressed on the initiatives undertaken by the State Government to support the industries and message to the industries on handling the pandemic by balancing life and livelihood.

Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC made a presentation comprising:

1. Opening of manufacturing units/ export units in Karnataka to ensure continuance of supplies as part of national and global supply chain with strict COVID protocols.
2. To use the existing buses of BMTC for staff commutation of industry personnel.

3. Accelerate the vaccination programme for working class in the factories for achieving industrial stability. Use the support of local industrial associations for vaccinations in industrial areas.

4. Provide relief measures as done in COVID-19 1st wave such as - waiver of electricity demand charges, rental reliefs on properties, PF contribution on workers, moratorium on loans/OD facility etc.,

5. To resolve the consent fees price hike for industries under KSPCB norms.

6. To review the recent hike in property taxes in Panchayats for industries and to implement the same post pandemic.

7. Encourage quick implementation of oxygen plants by private and public hospitals.

The BCIC had invited Office Bearers/Senior Representatives of various industry associations/ body to participate in the interactive session. They also sought support from the Government on the following, viz., Requests of vaccination of all employees, using stadiums, colleges, marriage halls as Covid Care Centres, easing of employee transport by providing BMTC buses, permission for export units to operate with a defined strength, extension of due dates by 3 months for regulatory compliances by business units, permission for e-com companies to supply essential and non-essential items, relief measures to MSMEs etc.,

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ACMA	Mr. Satish R Machani , President
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Bidadi Industries Association	Mr. Rajendra Hegde , President
Kanara Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Mangalore	Mr. Isaac Vas , President
Kumbalgodu Industries Association (KIA)	Mr. J R Bangera , President
Karnataka Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Hubli	Mr. Mahendra H Ladhad , President
Tumkur District Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Mr. Sugnan Hiremath , Past President
Peenya Industries Association	Mr. Prakash C , President
Whitefield Area Commerce and Industries Association (WACIA)	Mr. Ashwathnarayan Swamy , President
ELCIA	Mr. M R Seetharam , President Ms. Rama , CEO Mr. Sriram , Treasurer

Shri. Jagadish Shettar complimented and lauded efforts of BCIC for having all industry chambers/associations in the meeting.

He acknowledged voices of various industry captains and industry body representatives and assured that the Government would look into the suggestions. Here is the summary of the Minister's address:

- The vaccination programme for all working members will be taken up on priority on availability.

- Further, the issues with regard to revision in the consent fees levy by KSPCB and the imposition of the high property taxes by rural local bodies and panchayats will be looked into soon. He conveyed he will be discussing these topics with Mr. Yogeshwar, Minister for

Forests and Environment and with the Rural Panchayat Raj Department officials.

- Easing of staff transportation will be examined. Necessary clarification on the guidelines will be reviewed and issued in a day or two after discussions with the Chief Minister and the Chief Secretary keeping in mind life and livelihood.

- He appealed to industry leaders and industry bodies to support the Government in these tough times. He said he is also trying his best through his ministry to augment oxygen supplies.

Mr. B R Indushekar, Chairman, MSME Council, BCIC moderated the session.

Mr. Parasuraman said that the print and the electronic media should spread positive news and positive vibrations across the society so that we all stand united against the fight of this pandemic with resilience. When we look at the other developed economies, they project the positive image of their countries always.

Mr. K R Sekar, Sr. Vice President, BCIC thanked the Hon'ble Minister and the attendees for their valuable time and said that Industry is conscious of its responsibility and will work with Government both at the Central and the State level to combat this crisis.



BCIC H.O.P.E COVID CARE AND CURE INITIATIVES



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BCIC H.O.P.E COVID CARE AND CURE INITIATIVES



BCIC GUIDE ON COVID-19 - HOPE - May 6, 2021

Comprising information required to get assistance in the hour of urgency related to COVID-19 infections viz.,

- Home/Self-Care;
- Hospital Information;
- Steps to get a Hospital;
- Online Consultation with Doctors;
- Covid Helpline Numbers;
- Oxygen Supply;
- Ambulance Contacts



BCIC support for Setting up LPG Cremator units and Freezer Compartments at Cremation Centre in Bangalore

The Office of Mr. P Ravi Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka had reached out to the Chamber seeking support by way of joining with BBMP for setting up a new LPG Crematorium near Tavarekere, Magadi Road.

Post the discussions on the subject at the Steering Committee and obtaining consents, the Chamber has proposed its support by way of acting as the Nodal Centre towards facilitating the following:

- BCIC will support setting up of 3 or 4 small LPG Crematorium units - Fully

Automatic LPG Burners with complete gas pipeline system and will have the flexibility to use it. Cost per unit will be Rs. 10 Lakhs plus GST

- BCIC has also come forward to sponsor three freezer compartments which have a capacity of 4 bodies per freezer for storing bodies at the cremation centre. Cost per unit will be Rs. 2.7 Lakhs plus GST.

Post the installation of the above, all the maintenance will be the responsibility of BBMP.

- BCIC will reach out to its Member companies seeking their support by way of CSR initiative that would also enable member companies to spend from CSR funding to avail the benefits.

BCIC OTHER ACTIVITIES



➤ BCIC NODAL OFFICE: Meeting with Dr. N R Parasuraman, Director, Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDMIMD), Mysuru on April 5, 2021



(L to R): Mr. A Murali, Advisor, BCIC; Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC; Dr. N R Parasuraman, Director, SDMIMD; Mr. Prithvi KK, Deputy Secretary General, BCIC

Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC, had a meeting with Dr. N R Parasuraman, Director, Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDMIMD), Mysuru, to explore possibility of opening BCIC Nodal Office in Mysuru and SDMIMD Nodal Office in Bengaluru.

➤ Meeting to discuss BCIC's collaboration with Bangalore STI cluster and Government of Karnataka on April 29, 2021

Here are the highlights of the meeting held to discuss BCIC's collaboration with Bangalore STI cluster and Govt of Karnataka:

Members present:

Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC

Mr. A N Chandramouli, Chairman, Ind 4.0 Expert Committee, BCIC

Dr. Sapna Poti, Programme Director, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, Govt. of India

Initiatives & Proposals discussed:

- Creating awareness of the mission and activities of Science & Innovation Cluster to the members of BCIC
- BCIC to act as a communication

channel of Scientific & Innovation cluster for facilitation of Industry-Academia connect, to publicize & circulate possible projects which Research Institutions would like to undertake with Industry participation, Industry funding for the benefit of specific Industry or a cluster of Industries or a Social cause or Emerging Technology domain.

- Connecting BCIC to benefit from the research projects on Emerging Technologies (Smart manufacturing, Automation, E- mobility, AI/AR etc) carried out by leading Research Institutions such as IISC, IIT, NIT et al
- Connecting trainers belonging to premier research & technology

intuitions to conduct Master Classes for BCIC industry participants for up skilling and implementation of Digital transformation projects

- Faculty & Student development of premier institutions by participating in BCIC webinars during Covid and conducted tours (post Covid) which will also help them to identify research projects that is directly useful to Industry
- Supporting Covid support projects such as Fabrication of Mobile portable hospitals, Logistics of Oxygen cylinders and others by publicizing such projects to BCIC members

➤ Meeting on Transformation of 150 Government ITIs as Technology Hubs in Karnataka on April 30, 2021

Members Present:

KPMG Team: Ms. Neha Juneja; Mr. R Prasad and Mr. Varun Parchure

BCIC Team: Mr. T R Parasuraman, President,
Mr. A N Chandramouli, Chairman, Ind 4.0 Expert Committee,

Mr. Prithvi K K, Deputy Secretary General

The Department of Industrial Training

BCIC OTHER ACTIVITIES



and Employment (DITE), Government of Karnataka, Tata Technologies and its consortium of 20 industry partners have collaborated for the technological transformation of 150 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the State.

KPMG is the Knowledge Partner to DITE and is assisting the department in the roll out of this transformative initiative. Through these technology upgrades which include Additive Manufacturing, Laser cutting machine, Robotic arms, Electric Battery Vehicles, CNC machining centres and design and validation software tools will be brought

to the ITIs to impart Industry 4.0 skills to the youth. Eleven long-term courses and 23 short-term courses are proposed to provide skills to 20,000+ students annually at the ITIs and to more than 1 lakh students to other institutions like Polytechnics, Engineering colleges, etc.

In this background, KPMG had reached out to BCIC seeking support to connect with the member organizations network in order to disseminate information about this program.

The discussions ensued towards engaging with Industry on possible collaboration models for the following:

- Introduction of industry specific courses
- Explore possibility of joint certification courses at ITIs for students in collaboration with industry partners
- Recruitment (Full scale, Part time roles and Apprenticeship opportunities)
- Conduct industry specific seminars
- Provision of trainers at ITIs
- Upgradation/Adoption of ITIs
- Any other area of interest to industry

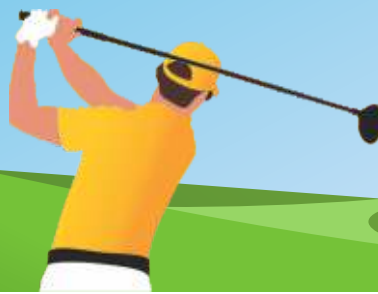
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- Mr. T R Parasuraman, President, BCIC
- Mr. K R Sekar, Sr. Vice President, BCIC
- Mr. Ramesh Saligrama, Chairman, Energy, Water and Env. Exp Committee

BCIC GOLF TOURNAMENT



➤ 11th Edition of BCIC Corporate Golf Tournament and Prize distribution on March 6, 2021

The BCIC successfully organized the 11th Edition of the Corporate Golf Tournament that witnessed participation of over 125 golfers comprising BCIC members, Corporate leaders and Senior Government Officials.

The tournament provided an opportunity for participants and attendees to interface and network .



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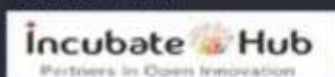
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Engineering	10000	10000	10000
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BCIC Interactive Session with **Shri. Nitin Gadkari**,
Hon'ble Minister for MSME, Road Transport and Highways, Govt.
on April 27, 2021

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The project cost of Bangalore Ring Road is Rs. 17,000 Crore including land acquisition cost. Currently, DPR is in progress. There is good potential for road side development on these Ring Roads by creating Industrial Clusters in collaboration with NHAI and Govt. of Karnataka. Smart cities, smart villages can be developed on the sides of ring road alongwith Industrial Clusters, which can manufacture electronics, pharmaceuticals, automotive and medical devices.
- Industrial Associations have to come forward to make JVs with govt. owned industrial training institutes. Govt. has 18 numbers of such institutes. Testing facilities can be set up by these JVs. Focus can be given on training, skill development of youth and bringing in new products. This can be managed by private institutions like Associations/Chambers, which is economically viable. Govt. will act as a facilitator.
- Establish small NBFCs with foreign investment to support member industries with competitive low interest rates. These NBFCs can support MSMEs on financing.
- Companies like Volvo can participate on new technologies, wherein proposals can be considered. There is an opportunity for e-bus and e-truck to ply on the Delhi-Jaipur highway on the Delhi-Mumbai corridor, which highway will be completed in 6 months.
- The Shiradi Ghat Tunnel project is stuck with the Forest & Environment Dept. for the past 5 to 6 years. The Ministry is pursuing the problem with the Karnataka State Govt. Because of this tunnel not getting developed, it is difficult to handle containers from Mangalore Port and for coastal area development. This is also a good alternate connect to Bangalore. Requested BCIC to take it up with the State Govt.
- Central Govt. is developing sea transport and water ways in Karnataka State to bring down the logistics cost. Industry has to come forward to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Bangalore is the Aviation hub in India. The Aviation industry can make a good start in the amphibious sea plane opportunity to promote tourism.



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